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School apologizes for anti-Jewish teachings

Muslim Sunday school. Curriculum removed from school website as police launch hate-crime investigation

A Muslim Sunday school has apologized for anti-Jewish curriculum that appeared on its website, under investigation as a possible hate crime by York Regional Police.

The East End Madrassah, a weekend religious program run by a Thornhill mosque using rented space in the David and Mary Thomson Collegiate in Scarborough, issued a press release on Tuesday to "unreservedly apologize to the Jewish community for the unintentional offence that the item has caused."

"Our curriculum is not intended to promote hatred towards any individual or group of people," the statement said. "Rather, the children are taught to respect and value other faiths, beliefs and to uphold Canada's basic values of decency and tolerance."

Jewish groups had expressed shock at curriculum on the Madrassah's website that called ancient Jews "treacherous" and "crafty" and accused them of "conspiring to kill the Prophet Muhammad."

"We were shocked such material was being disseminated on the property of the Toronto District School Board, which we know values tolerance and multiculturalism," said David Spiro, Greater Toronto co-chair of the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

The Madrassah conceded the sections cited by the Jewish groups "should never have been a part of our curriculum."

"Our team of scholars has already undertaken to review all texts and material being used in the curriculum to ensure that our teachings are conveying the right message."

Premier Dalton McGuinty said he was "delighted the school board is reviewing the matter. There is no room for hatred or intolerance in this province."

The York Regional Police hate-crimes unit is in the early stage of its investigation, said spokesperson Const. Rebecca Boyd. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jury rules on teen's death

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Canadian basketball legend Steve Nash appears at a press conference at the Air Canada Centre on Tuesday morning to announce that he has been named the new general manager of the Canadian men's national basketball team.

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Jury blames police conduct for teen's death

Restraint asphyxia. Witnesses testified that officers put their weight on Manon as he lay face down

An inquest jury has ruled Junior Manon's death an accident, but said police actions at his arrest contributed to his death.

Jurors, who delivered the verdict Tuesday, listed Manon's official cause of death as "restraint asphyxia, following a struggle and exertion."

The ruling implies that police restrained Manon in a manner that impaired his breathing, despite the testimony of the two arresting officers who said they never restrained the teen in a way that could have caused his death.

The "jury found the conduct of the officers caused his death and didn't believe the testimony of the officers," the family's lawyer, Julian Roy, said after the ruling.

However jurors ruled the death an "accident," rejecting Roy's contention that police intentionally caused Manon's death, and that, as such, it was a homicide.

Police lawyer Gary Clewley said he was "happy" with the ruling, which indicated to him that jurors believed the officers "didn't do anything to hurt (Manon) on purpose."

The jury of three women and one man took six days before delivering their verdict.

Jurors had to weigh the officers' testimony against accounts from several eyewitnesses who said the officers had their body weight on Manon's back during the arrest. Others testified they saw a tired, overweight teen trying to run from the officers.

But Adams remained steadfast throughout his testimony that Manon was aggressive and ready to fight and said he didn't "feel that Mr. Manon died as a result of my restraint." Adams said the teen struggled continuously as he tried to cuff his hands.

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Amanda Manon, 23, fights back tears after a jury returned a verdict in favour of the subject officers in the 2010 death of her 18-year-old brother Junior Alexander Manon on Tuesday. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Officer cleared in 'retail rage' shooting

Cornell Dussard outside Superior Court after testifying in his own defence Tuesday. He was shot in the chest by police during an altercation in a Cash Converters store. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cornell Dussard admits he got upset when he was refused a refund at Cash Converters but says he did nothing to justify a Toronto police officer firing a bullet into his chest.

"I went to return a guitar and I end up getting shot and end up getting beaten," he testified Tuesday in Ontario Superior Court.

The court heard that what began as a loud bout of retail rage escalated into a violent confrontation between Dussard, 29, and Toronto police after officers arrived at Markington Square Plaza around 2:15 p.m. on March 1, 2007.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) concluded the officer who shot Dussard, Const. Christopher Bradley, was not criminally responsible.

The Crown, however, says Dussard is guilty of nine offences, including attempted murder, uttering threats, assault, resisting arrest and possessing a dangerous weapon.

Dussard said that before police arrived he had tried to explain to two store clerks, in a "normal voice at first," his frustration that he couldn't get a refund for a guitar he discovered was not brand new, as he had believed.

"Hey, you shut up," Dussard testified he heard one officer yell, before "boom, boom, boom," one of the officers was "punching me in my face."

Dussard grabbed scissors and started swinging them.

"What was your intention?" asked defence lawyer Royland Moriah.

"I'm thinking that they're trying to kill me. I've never experienced anything like this in my life. I was trying to find something to block the hits."

The prosecutor mocked Dussard for testifying that officers did not caution him that he was under arrest for causing a disturbance before "rushing you and starting to beat you." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Serious injuries

13-year-old girl stabbed; 50-year-old taken into custody

A 50-year-old man is in custody in connection with the stabbing of a 13-year-old girl at 88 Broadway Ave., police said.

Officers received a call at 4:12 p.m. to a condominium near Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue.

The girl had been stabbed in the neck and was transported to hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

The identity of the man has not been released, and police said they are not looking for other suspects.

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Double dip

Golfer scores two holes in one

Alex Sterne, 22, of Aurora, hit a dream daily double on the links by shooting not one — but two — holes-in-one on April 29.

The odds of a golfer acing two holes in the same round are 1 in 64 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Alex Sterne CONTRIBUTED

Attempted murder

Man fingered for weekend shooting

A Toronto man is facing attempted murder charges after a weekend shooting in Ajax that sent two people to hospital.

Several shots were fired near Bayly Street and Harwood Avenue on Saturday night, when a street-level robbery led to an altercation between two men, Durham Regional police said.

A 44-year-old man suffered a gunshot wound to the head and a man in his 20s was shot in the leg.

Police allege the suspect accidentally shot himself in the leg during the altercation.

Andrew Kreko, 23, is facing a number of charges.

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Councillor has 'one way' to ease traffic

Congestion. New York model of one-way streets may be the answer in Toronto

Could complementary one-way streets on Yonge and Bay solve everyone's problems?

Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong thinks so, and he's speaking with city transportation staff about making it happen.

Minnan-Wong said he's open to all possibilities, but one idea could be to remove one of the existing four lanes between Bloor and Front streets, extend the sidewalks and add proper bike lanes. Then there would be three lanes of traffic all flowing the same direction, removing the friction of left-hand turns and easing gridlock.

"Have you ever tried to drive on Yonge Street? It's impossible to even turn on to it," said Minnan-Wong, who chairs the public works and infrastructure committee. "Obviously, before doing anything, we would need to study this, but I think one-way streets on Yonge and Bay — Yonge would go one way, Bay would go the other — could really provide a better experience for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists."

Wasted on the Yonge?

According to Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam and the BIA, Yonge Street is significantly under utilized when it comes to traffic.

- Only 350 to 550 vehicles use the major artery along the downtown stretch each hour.
- To qualify for four lanes, a street should really be seeing between 1,300 and 1,500 cars per hour.

Across North America, from St. Catharines to St. Petersburg, Fla., cities are taking the opposite route. But Minnan-Wong said there's no comparison.

In those cities, the idea is to slow traffic, to create a more walkable city. Toronto already has a vibrant downtown with a healthy retail sector. What it also has is a serious congestion problem.

"We're more comparable to New York, where one-way streets seem to be working just fine," he said.

The Downtown Yonge BIA said it has no comment at this time about Minnan-Wong's proposal.

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Vehicles move along Yonge Street in this file photo. A city councillor believes one-way streets may be the best way to ease traffic congestion.
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Mayor Ford stays silent after disappointing weigh-in

Mayor Rob Ford's pushes his brother, Doug, out of the way so he can go first at the weigh-in that started late on Tuesday. The mayor, who said it was a "bad week" before stepping on the scale, weighed in at 314 pounds, a gain of four pounds. His brother fared better, weighing 247 pounds, a loss of 28 pounds since the challenge began on Jan. 16. The mayor, who started the challenge at 330 pounds, didn't speak to media, but has refused to do so at some past weigh-ins and it's unknown if he stayed silent due to the presence of Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale, pictured at right. After a confrontation between the mayor and Dale last week, the mayor said he would not speak if a Toronto Star reporter was present. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City. No Ford flag-raising, but Pride Week? Maybe

Mayor Rob Ford won't attend a gay outreach event outside city hall later this month, but still hasn't ruled out attending Pride Week events this summer.

The May 17 rainbow flag-raising event at Nathan Phillips Square commemorates the International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia. The low-key half-hour ceremony is not a part of Pride Week festivities, none of which Ford attended last year.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays first invited the mayor in March. PFLAG's Toronto chapter said Tuesday the mayor responded in late April, saying he couldn't fit the event into his schedule, but if that changed, he would let them know.

"Certainly, the mayor will be made most welcome should his schedule change," president Irene Miller said.

Coun. Gord Perks will read the city proclamation, signed by the mayor, in his stead, as he has for the past two years. Toronto Maple Leafs president and general manager Brian Burke will speak.

Quotable

"We would be happy to have him stand with us and other councillors as that flag is raised."

Irene Miller, PFLAG's Toronto chapter

The intimate event attracts a smaller crowd and much less fervour than the flag-raising that marks the start of Pride Week. Last year's ceremony drew about 60.

Coun. Kristyn Wong-Tam said the mayor's staff told hers about two weeks ago they are trying hard to arrange Ford's appearance at an event. Wong-Tam, council's only openly gay member, said she received virtually the same assurances last year, when Ford attended none of the many Pride-related events.

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Pan Am Games. Cricket supporters eye Brampton

Sidney Crosby and LeBron James are idolized by kids across the GTA.

In thousands of Brampton homes, so is Sachin Tendulkar. And a new plan hatched by a group of the city's heavy hitters hopes to bring the Indian cricket superstar and the 2015 Pan Am Games to Brampton.

"Cricket supporters are such a big part of our community, so the vision to bring in baseball for the Pan Am Games has to include them," says John Cutruzzola, who is spearheading a move to get the Pan Am baseball venue in his city. The plan is to build a facility that could be converted into a world-class cricket stadium and field for kabaddi, a sport wildly popular with Punjabis around the world.

"It would leave a legacy of diversity for all Bramptonians to enjoy," Cutruzzola said.

The proposed stadium could be build on a large available parcel next to the Powerade Centre, where Highways 410 and 407 meet.

Abdul Rahman, with the cricket bat, and sisters, Zainab, 4, Iman, 8, and Noor, 10, in a park near their Brampton home.
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Brampton's huge South Asian community and its sizeable Caribbean community — people from regions where cricket is religion — want this desperately, Cutruzzola says.

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Bill introduced. NDP want province's menus to indicate calories, sodium

Ontario's New Democrats want to force restaurants to put nutritional information on their menus.

NDP health critic France Gelinas wants large chain restaurants to list calories beside the price of each item on their menus and an asterisk to highlight foods with high sodium counts.

Gelinas says that nutritional information would help combat obesity and encourage healthier eating habits. She says people have no way of knowing that a bran muffin, for example, would have three times the calories as a Boston cream pie doughnut. THE CANADIAN PRESS

U.S. findings

- The Centre for Science in the Public Interest says studies from the U.S., where providing nutritional information is the law, show it does help reduce caloric intake.

Help wanted. McGuinty looks to Tories to support public-sector wage freeze

Premier Dalton McGuinty is turning to his rivals to achieve a wage freeze for the broader public sector to slay Ontario's $15-billion deficit.

He says his minority Liberal government needs the Progressive Conservatives to back his efforts to freeze the pay of more than a million workers, including nurses and teachers.

The government has warned for years it cannot afford any more pay increases in order to balance the books in 2017. It's now threatening to legislate a wage freeze if all efforts at the bargaining table fail to produce one. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Potential savings

$2B

The Conservatives have long called for an immediate freeze, saying it will save the province $2 billion a year.

On probation order

Teen arrested after mom says he stole from sister

Barrie police arrested a 15-year-old boy after his mother reported the theft of Wii game remotes from his sister.

Police say the mother told them the boy pawned the remotes.

The teen was arrested for theft and held for a bail hearing. Police say the suspect was on a probation order for an unrelated charge. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Warning issued

Cuts put public at risk of bear attacks: Union

A union leader says Ontario residents face greater danger from bears this year because of provincial government cutbacks.

Ontario Public Service Employees Union president Smokey Thomas says the number of staff trained to deal with bears that threaten public safety has been cut by more than half.

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Rafferty no bystander in Stafford's death: Crown

Closing arguments. Attorney tells jury that Rafferty and McClintic 'were in this together'

Michael Rafferty used his disturbed lover as a "violent pawn" to help him carry out the abduction, rape and murder of eight-year-old Victoria Stafford, court heard Tuesday.

The Crown said in its closing submissions at Rafferty's first-degree murder trial that Rafferty was the one in control of the events of April 8, 2009, from start to finish.

The assertion lies in stark contrast to the defence closing arguments, in which Rafferty's lawyer Dirk Derstine suggested Terri-Lynne McClintic was the engine behind Tori's killing, and Rafferty had no idea what she was up to.

But Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey told the jury that Rafferty was no innocent bystander to McClintic's "deranged" plan.

"Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic were in this together," Gowdey said. "Together they did this to Tori Stafford. Together they are guilty."

"Terri-Lynne McClintic did not do this by herself, whatever the suggestion may be," he said. "She, in the Crown's submission, was a violent pawn that Michael Rafferty used to make this happen for himself."

First-degree murder

- A person is guilty of first-degree murder if they cause someone's death while committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault or a kidnapping, Gowdey said.
- Someone can also be found guilty of the serious offence if they are found to have helped someone commit a murder.

McClintic, who is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, testified that Rafferty urged her to kidnap a young girl for him, that he raped the girl, and that pent-up rage from her own childhood traumas caused McClintic to snap and murder Tori.

That testimony marked a change from what she told police for years — that Rafferty was the one who killed Tori with a hammer.

It doesn't matter whether the jury thinks McClintic physically killed Tori or if Rafferty did it, Gowdey said. If they acted together, that is enough to convict Rafferty.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

The Crown's closing arguments continue Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tara McDonald, right, mother of slain Victoria "Tori" Stafford, and her mother, Linda Winters, walk into court for proceedings at the Michael Rafferty murder trial in London, Ont., on Tuesday. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alleged scam. Ex-LCBO worker facing criminal charges

A man facing a $2-million lawsuit for allegedly scamming Ontario's liquor-control authority is now facing several criminal charges.

Police say Francois Agostini has been charged with, among other things, fraud, breach of trust, theft and money laundering.

Agostini, 58, of Toronto, was a longtime employee of the LCBO. In its civil suit against him, the LCBO alleges Agostini sold more than 1,000 cases of vodka, rye and rum to bogus diplomats, or pocketed cash from legitimate sales.

The agency says he sold $1.6 million worth of products between April 2005 and December 2011 but never forwarded the proceeds.

Agostini will appear in Ontario court of justice on June 25.

According to the civil suit, Agostini worked at the Crown corporation from 1981 until he was fired at the end of January. He was the sole order clerk in Toronto for a program under which foreign diplomats and consular officials can buy tax-free alcohol.

The suit alleges he either pocketed the cash or manipulated invoices and only remitted some of the money owed the LCBO. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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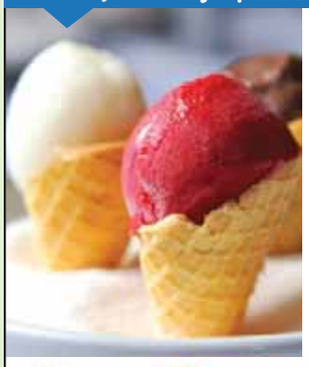

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Rush at Tim Hortons. Tiny newborn arrives on the double-double

They could name her "Timbit."

Staff at a Tim Hortons outlet in Windsor are used to serving double-doubles — but delivering a baby was an entirely different experience.

Restaurant manager Aaron Hayes says a woman entered the coffee shop Tuesday, saying she was expecting a baby soon and didn't feel well.

Staff were soon gathering towels, and one of them, Judy Glenn, helped the woman deliver her daughter in the women's washroom.

Hayes says a 911 dispatcher also helped by giving instructions over the phone.

Minutes later, EMS arrived to take the woman and the baby girl to hospital.

"The lady's OK. The baby's OK," Hayes said.

Hayes, a father himself, said Glenn also has children so she had some idea of what to expect. She was given the rest of the day off.

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Tasty at Tim's

Timbits were introduced by Tim Hortons in April 1976. "Bit" is an acronym for Big In Taste.

Teens targeted

Tory MP wants to ban that tan

Conservative MP James Bezan is pushing for age limits on tanning beds.

His private member's bill would ban the use of tanning beds and booths by people under 18.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Funeral goes on

His Craigslist ad seeks lost ashes

Blake Williams advertised on Craigslist in B.C. after losing his brother-in-law's ashes. The bag fell out of Williams' car on the way to the funeral. Saanich police are helping to locate the bag. METRO IN VANCOUVER

Just innocent victims ... 5 held in vicious killing

Canadian graduate student Ximena Osegueda and her boyfriend were murdered on a dream vacation to Mexico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gang war to blame. Canadian and her boyfriend were stabbed, set ablaze and buried— three suspects on the run

They were in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A Canadian graduate student and her boyfriend who were killed late last year were innocent victims of escalating gang activity in one of Mexico's hottest tourist destinations, Mexican police say.

Local media say two men and three women have been arrested in connection with the robbery-related deaths of Ximena Osegueda, 39, and her 38-year-old boyfriend Alejandro Santamaria.

Three other suspects are still at large, reports say.

Osegueda, who was completing her PhD at the University of B.C., was visiting the Mexican province of Oaxaca when she and her boyfriend disappeared on Dec. 14.

Family members raised the alarm and mounted a search party.

Osegueda's ex-husband discovered their charred bodies half buried on a beach near the resort town of Huatulco in early January.

Police say Osegueda and Santamaria were stabbed in the neck and set ablaze.

Robbery appears to have been the motive behind the deaths, state prosecutor Manuel de Jesus Lopez said.

Gang members allegedly made off with the couple's bank cards and cellphones as well as Osegueda's Chevrolet, he said.

It was the car that ultimately led to a break in the case, Lopez said.

Using the vehicle's global positioning system, police tracked it to the home of a local gang member's girlfriend.

By the time police made the connection, however, both the gang member and his girlfriend were already dead in what investigators described as a settling of accounts.

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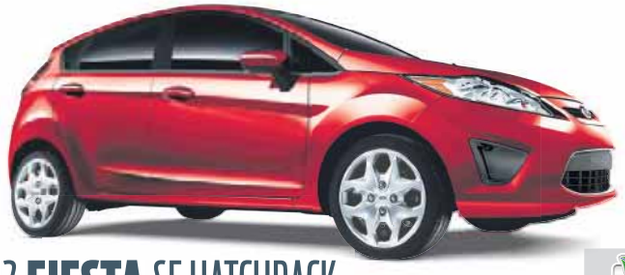

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Foiled bomb plot being investigated

Airport alert. Current technology would have spotted latest threat, officials say

American explosive experts are dissecting a new-and-improved al-Qaida underwear bomb seized before it could blow up a U.S.-bound commercial airliner — but even as they work, the foiled terrorist plot has swiftly and predictably become political fodder.

The CIA and its overseas partners thwarted the attack following a covert Yemeni intelligence operation. Those behind the plot apparently hoped to take down a plane, but U.S. officials revealed Tuesday that the would-be bomber at the heart of the plot was actually an informant working for the CIA and Saudi Arabian intelligence.

The plot was foiled at around the same time as last week's first anniversary of Osama bin Laden's death at the hands of navy SEALs last year, but contrary to initial reports, it was not timed to coincide with the anniversary.

The bomb was non-metallic and wouldn't have been detected by airport screening devices, officials say, but likely would have been picked up by body scanners. There were no changes planned for airport security measures in the U.S. as a result of the plot.

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Security systems

- FBI experts are picking apart that non-metallic device to see if it could have taken down an airplane.
- Though analysis of the device is incomplete, U.S. security officials said they remain confident in the security systems in place.

He brought the Wild Things to life

In this 1985 photo, author Maurice Sendak poses with one of the characters from his book Where the Wild Things Are, designed for the operatic adaptation of his book. Among the most honoured and adored children's authors, he ranks with Dr. Seuss as a revolutionary force of the past half-century. He told stories for children that were actually about children, not just what adults wished them to be. He died Tuesday in Danbury, Conn., after suffering a stroke last week. For more on Sendak's impact, see page 26. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Roving anti-Putin protests in Moscow squares

Alexei Navalny, an anti-corruption whistle blower and blogger is shown in a police van in Moscow on Tuesday. SERGEY PONOMAREV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As many as 300 anti-Putin protesters took over a Moscow square for most of the day Tuesday until hundreds of helmeted riot police swept in to disperse the crowd, detaining some of them seemingly at random.

The impromptu rally had moved to the Chistiye Prudy square after police broke up a demonstration by hundreds of opposition activists who had spent the night outside the presidential administration offices to protest Vladimir Putin's return as Russia's president.

Two prominent opposition leaders were detained by police in the early hours of Tuesday but later released.

They then joined up with dozens of their supporters who had moved on to Chistiye Prudy, or Clean Ponds, where they vowed to continue the roving protest.

"If we are pushed away from here, we'll move to other squares," said Sergei Udaltsov, the leader of a leftist movement.

"The objective is to have people on the squares every day who are struggling for freedom, for change. It is a very simple tactic, and I think it has a chance to bring a successful result."

The cat-and-mouse game between protesters and police began on Monday, the day of Putin's inauguration at a formal ceremony inside the Kremlin.

Hundreds of activists tried to protest near Red Square and along the route Putin's motorcade took to the Kremlin, but they were turned back or detained by thousands of riot police.

Police said they made about 300 detentions on Monday, but in some cases the same people were detained and then released more than once.

On Tuesday, police reported at least 30 detentions.

n Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman said "we are disturbed by images of police mistreatment of peaceful protesters, both during the protests and after detentions."

The U.S. and Russia had made significant process in their relationship, he said, but "we're going to continue to raise human rights issues when we have concerns, and this is one of those cases."

Thousands attended protests before the election.

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Spring in Russia?

Vladimir Putin has been in power since 2000, first as president and then for the past four years as prime minister. He has just begun a six-year term as president and would be eligible for a fourth term.

- **Tens of thousands attended anti-Putin protest rallies in the months before the March election.** Since then the numbers have dwindled, but the protest movement has shown an unexpected resilience. A demonstration on the eve of the inauguration drew well more than 20,000.

Myanmar

Suu Kyi finally given a passport

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi received her first passport in 24 years on Tuesday ahead of a planned trip to Norway and Britain.

An aide to Suu Kyi, Htin Kyaw, said the passport was received from the Home Ministry.

Suu Kyi applied for the passport following recent political reforms that culminated in her election to parliament last month.

Last year, a long-ruling military junta handed over power to an elected, nominally civilian government. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy, which won 43 seats in the April byelections, leads the opposition.

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New York hustle

Cabbie pleads guilty to unlawful imprisonment

A hustler cabbie accused of preying on arriving passengers at New York's Kennedy Airport has pleaded guilty to unlawful imprisonment in a fare gone awry. The local DA says driver Bhupinder Singh is facing six months in jail. On Feb. 12, two officers spotted a family from Panama getting into a "gypsy cab."

They recognized the driver as a hustler who charges sky-high rates for a ride to Manhattan. The driver locked the doors and took off, then got into a crash. Two adult passengers were treated for bumps and bruises.

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Thailand

Man dies serving 20 years for insulting the monarchy

A 62-year-old Thai man who became known as "Uncle SMS" after he was convicted of defaming Thailand's royal family in text messages died Tuesday while serving a 20-year prison term.

The case of Amphon Tangnoppakul, who had mouth cancer, drew attention to Thailand's severe law last November when he received one of the heaviest sentences for insulting the monarchy.

Demonstrators gathered outside a Bangkok court denouncing the royal defamation law.

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Ukraine summit boycotted by leaders

Taking a stand. Heads of state show their disapproval of treatment of ex-PM

Supporters of former Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko protest outside the jail in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Tuesday. The sign at right reads, in Ukrainian, "Ukraine - Liberty." ALEXEY FURMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine on Tuesday was reduced to calling off a Central Europe regional summit after most heads of state boycotted it over the treatment of jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

The embarrassing move came after a dozen heads of state, including the German and Czech presidents, refused to attend the Central and Eastern European summit to be held Friday and Saturday in the Crimean city of Yalta after Tymoshenko went on a hunger strike to protest an alleged beating by prison officials.

The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry said it decided to postpone the summit until a later date because of the leaders' inability to come.

Ukraine faces harsh Western pressure for the jailing and alleged mistreatment of Tymoshenko, with some politicians calling for boycotting the Euro 2012 football championship the country co-hosts in June.

The campaign to free and end the mistreatment of Tymoshenko has become a top human-rights issue for the European Union and has drawn comparisons with Western sanctions against Belarus, another former Soviet nation on the EU border. Its authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko, has cracked down on dissent and sent opposition leaders to jail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Lawmakers target therapy for homosexuality

A group of California lawmakers Tuesday weighed a first-of-its-kind ban on a controversial form of psychotherapy aimed at making gay people straight.

Supporters say the legislation, which is before its final committee, is necessary because such treatments are ineffective and harmful.

"This therapy can be dangerous," said the bill's author, Sen. Ted Lieu. He added the treatments can "cause extreme depression and guilt" that sometimes leads to suicide.

Conservative religious groups emphatically reject that view of sexual-orientation therapy and say the ban would interfere with parents' rights to seek appropriate psychological care for their children.

"While this is a direct assault on everyone's freedom, it is also a not-so-subtle attack on religious liberty," the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality said in a statement.

Lieu says attempts to pathologize and change people's sexual orientation should be treated akin to smoking and drinking: harmful activities that adults can choose to participate in, but children cannot.

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Egypt

Military attacked journalists: Rights groups

Two media-rights groups condemned the Egyptian army for assaulting and arresting journalists who were covering a recent violent crackdown on antimilitary protests in Cairo.

Reporters Without Borders recorded 32 attacks on journalists during clashes last Friday. It said at least 20 reporters were assaulted or beaten and 11 injured. The Committee to Protect Journalists urged the military to investigate allegations that two journalists were "viciously beaten up by soldiers."

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Dead baby capsules claim re-investigated

China. South Korean customs officials say they have discovered 35 smuggling attempts of capsules disguised as stamina boosters

China will re-investigate allegations that Chinese-made drug capsules containing powdered remains of dead babies are being smuggled into South Korea, state media reported Tuesday.

Ministry of Health spokesman Deng Haihua said an investigation launched last August found no proof that such capsules were being manufactured in China, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Some people believe the capsules can cure a variety of diseases.

Deng said in a statement that China would investigate again following new reports of such pills being smuggled into South Korea, Xinhua reported.

The statement was not posted on the ministry's website and calls to the ministry rang unanswered.

The Korea Customs Service said Monday it had seized capsules made in northeastern China from dead babies whose bodies were chopped into small pieces and dried on stoves before being turned into powder.

Deng said Chinese health departments would work with police, customs agencies and commerce authorities to investigate the latest claims, Xinhua said.

The South Korean customs agency began investigating after receiving a tip a year ago.

No sicknesses have been reported from ingesting the capsules.

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Diplomatic friction

- Some people believe the capsules are a panacea for disease. However, they contain bacteria and other harmful ingredients.
- South Korean customs officials have refused to say where the dead babies came from or who made the capsules, citing possible diplomatic friction with Beijing.

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A beef with U.S. meat imports

South Korean civic group members hold signs during a rally against the import of U.S. beef in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday, following the recent discovery of mad cow disease in the United States. The writing reads 'Stop Imports.' LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's in a name? Just call him Tyrannosaurus Rex

The York News-Times reports that a man entered the York County courtroom Monday as Tyler Gold and left with the moniker Tyrannosaurus Rex Joseph Gold.

Gold says in his public filing for the change that the dinosaur's name is cooler.

He says that "as an entrepreneur, name recognition is important and the new name is more recognizable." The newspaper report does not describe his line of business.

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Civil war feared as more violence adds to Syria's misery

Envoy, Red Cross paint bleak picture. Ambushes, bombings leave thousands in peril as they struggle to meet basic needs

International envoy Kofi Annan painted a bleak picture of Syria Tuesday, citing "unacceptable levels of violence and abuse."

World powers share a "profound concern" that Syria is descending into civil war, he said.

Nevertheless, nations remain committed to his six-point peace plan, he said, and have pledged to deploy 300 ceasefire monitors there by the end of the month.

But he said the bloodshed hasn't ended.

Annan has been tasked by the United Nations and the Arab League with devising a solution to end Syrian President Bashar Assad's brutal crackdown on a popular uprising.

He spoke to reporters in Geneva after briefing a closed-door session of the UN Security Council in New York by videoconference.

The Red Cross added to Annan's grim words, saying the Syrian conflict is transforming into a guerrilla war involving ambushes and bombings.

It also warned that 1.5 million Syrians are struggling to meet basic needs.

Annan said the UN's ceasefire-monitoring mission "is the only remaining chance to stabilize" Syria.

Annan told the Security Council that "unacceptable levels of violence and abuse" are continuing — that government troops are still present in and around cities and towns and human rights violations are extensive and may be increasing.

"There have been worrying episodes of violence by the government, but we have also seen attacks against government forces, troops and installations," he said.

"And there have been a spate of bombings that are really worrying."

The United Nations says more than 9,000 people have been killed in the Syrian conflict so far.

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Fear on the horizon

> "There is profound concern that the country could ... descend into full civil war and the implications of that are frightening."
>
> **Kofi Annan,** international envoy

Women point vivid fingers at a tyrant

Female protesters display the colours of various flags on their hands Tuesday during a demonstration demanding the trial of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh in Sanaa, Yemen. Saleh kept Yemen in a tight grip during his 33 years of authoritarian rule. His loyalists have been accused of killing protesters in an uprising that swept the country. HANI MOHAMMED/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Inspector killed near Iran nuke site

A United Nations nuclear inspector from South Korea was killed and a colleague injured in a car crash Tuesday near a reactor site in Iran.

Iran's state TV said the South Korean inspector, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from of the car.

Iran's official IRNA news agency said the inspectors' car overturned near a heavy water reactor being built in Khondab, about 250 kilometres southwest of Tehran.

Iran has said the reactor, part of the Arak complex, will be used to produce isotopes for medical and industrial uses.

The U.S. and others suspect that spent fuel from the reactors could be reprocessed into plutonium for a nuclear warhead. Iran denies it seeks nuclear weapons.

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Mexico campaign

Candidate goes topless on posters

A candidate for a Mexican congressional seat has released a topless campaign poster, saying she wants to encourage rebellion.

Candidate Natalia Juarez said Tuesday the poster is intended to fight prejudices.

Juarez is running on the ticket of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party. She is shown on the poster along with six other women, all of whom are seen covering their breasts with their left hands. Some are raising their right fists.

Juarez is a 34-year-old philosophy instructor at a local university

A slogan on the poster reads "Dare to build a new national project without prejudices!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Arizona crash

Arrest made in case of illegal immigrant deaths

Police have arrested an Arizona woman on suspicion of crashing an SUV packed with illegal immigrants as she fled from U.S. Border Patrol agents, killing four and injuring seven others.

Casa Grande police arrested 29-year-old Angela Celaya Gonzalez of Eloy on four counts of second-degree murder on Tuesday, the same day she was released from a Phoenix hospital where she was treated for injuries from the crash.

Police say her bond was set at $2 million. Gonzalez does not yet have an attorney.

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Occupy Wall Street

Twitter fights for tweeter's rights

Twitter is resisting an attempt by New York City prosecutors to gain access to the account of an Occupy Wall Street protester.

The San Francisco-based micro-blogging service filed court papers Monday asking a judge to quash a subpoena in which the Manhattan district attorney demanded the tweets and user information of writer and activist Malcolm Harris.

Harris was among around 700 people arrested last fall during a protest against financial inequality.

Prosecutors want to look at all of Harris's tweets in the weeks before and after the march.

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Puerto Rico eyes U.S. statehood

Inclusion. Territory's governor wants to boost English to become 51st U.S. state

The governor of Puerto Rico is trying to do what more than a century of American citizenship has failed to accomplish: make Puerto Ricans fluent in English.

Gov. Luis Fortuno, who has been mentioned as a possible Republican vice-presidential candidate, has proposed an ambitious, and what critics call far-fetched, plan to require all public schools to teach all courses in English instead of Spanish.

The U.S. territory has had a long and contentious relationship with the English language, and many Puerto Ricans are skeptical about embracing it, fearing they will lose a key part of their identity and find themselves a step closer to statehood, a status that only about half of islanders have backed in recent polls.

The governor wants Puerto Rico to become the 51st U.S. state. But he says his plan is about economic necessity, not politics.

"Bilingualism opens doors and provides opportunity to our children so they can shine and become successful in a labour market that is increasingly competitive and globalized," he said.

Only 12 of the island's 1,472 schools offer an all-English curriculum of the sort envisioned by Fortuno, while 35 other schools offer some courses in English, such as math and physical education, said Education Secretary Edwin Moreno.

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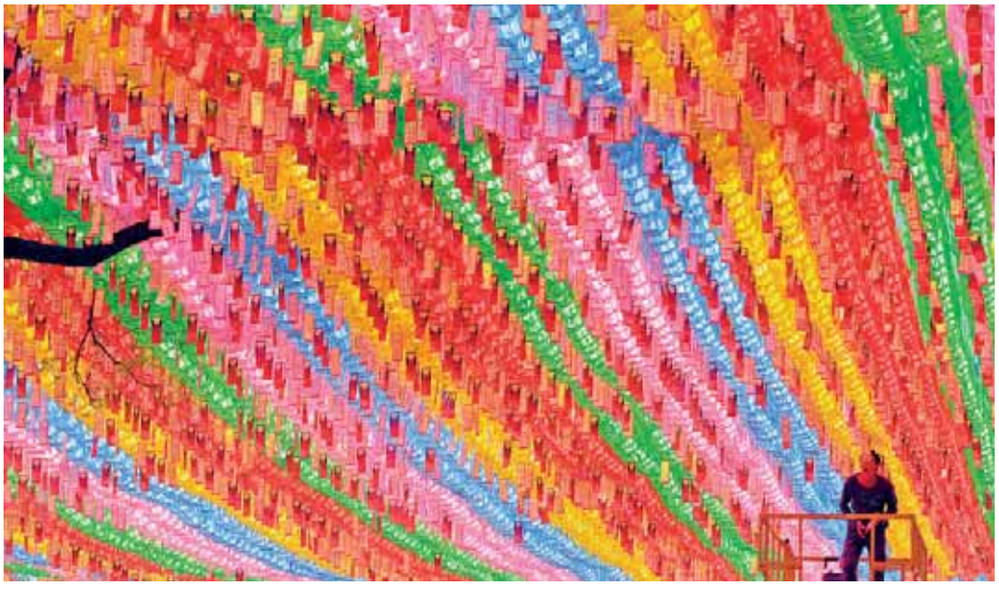
The Numbers

- **Pricetag.** It costs $15 million to install bilingual programs in 31 schools and boost those of 35 other schools.
- **Teachers.** 9,000 teachers teach English, K-12.
- **Fluency.** 2.8 million Puerto Ricans do not consider themselves fluent in English.



Buddha's light(s) shine on

A South Korean worker attaches a devotee's name tag with their wishes on a lantern, in the preparation for the birthday celebration of Buddha, which falls on May 28, at Jogye temple in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday. About one-third of South Korea's 48 million people are Buddhists. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. border. New strategy targets repeat crossers

With border crossings from Mexico at a 40-year low, the U.S. Border Patrol announced a new strategy Tuesday that targets repeat crossers and tries to find out why they keeping coming.

For nearly two decades, the Border Patrol has relied on a strategy that blanketed heavily trafficked corridors for illegal immigrants with agents, pushing migrants to more remote areas where they would presumably be easier to capture and discouraged from trying again.

The new approach is more nuanced. Outlined in a 32-page document that took more than two years to develop, agents will now draw on intelligence to identify repeat crossers and others perceived as security threats, said Chief Mike Fisher.

"This whole risk-based approach is trying to figure out who are these people? What risk do they pose from a national security standpoint? The more we know, the better informed we are about identifying the threat and potential risk," he said in a recent interview.

During testimony before a House Homeland Security subcommittee Tuesday, Fisher was repeatedly asked why the new strategy didn't include any specific "metrics" that could help members of Congress and the public better understand if the border is secure.

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U.S. Constitution

No firearms for illegal immigrants: U.S. appeals court

A federal appeals court says illegal immigrants don't have a right to own firearms under the U.S. Constitution.

Emmanuel Huitron-Guizar pleaded guilty to being an illegal immigrant in possession of firearms after his arrest last year. He was held by immigration authorities at the Natrona County Detention Center in Wyoming.

An attorney for Huitron-Guizar appealed the case, saying illegal immigrants are not excluded from possessing firearms like felons and people who are mentally ill, and should have the same rights as U.S. citizens to buy a gun for hunting and protection. The 10th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals ruled Monday that illegal immigrants have only limited protection under the Constitution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Corruption trial. Donor warned Obama campaign of John Edwards' affair

A one-time donor to John Edwards testified Tuesday that he warned the campaign of President Barack Obama in 2008 to look closely at rumours about the former North Carolina senator's infidelity before it considered offering him any position in the administration.

Chapel Hill developer Tim Toben said from the witness stand at Edwards' campaign finance corruption trial that he was astonished when Edwards told him he still had lofty political aspirations over dinner in June of 2008. At the time, Edwards' presidential bid had unraveled but he was still frequently mentioned in media speculation over who might become Obama's running mate or fill his Cabinet.

Toben, however, had firsthand knowledge of Edwards' affair with mistress Rielle Hunter.

"I was alarmed," said Toben, a Democratic donor. "I couldn't believe a man with a 4-month-old baby with another woman would seriously consider running for vice-president." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former presidential candidate and Sen. John Edwards, right, arrives at a federal courthouse with his daughter Cate Edwards in Greensboro, N.C. on Tuesday. CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

G. Dep. Rapper turns himself in for 1993 New York shooting

When rapper G. Dep turned himself in nearly two decades after a shooting, he told police he wanted to clear his conscience.

He found out Tuesday what the consequences would be: 15 years to life in prison, the minimum term for his murder conviction.

A judge, prosecutors and the jury foreman said he deserved credit for coming forward when he'd never been suspected in the long-cold case.

"It may not be the best legal strategy, but, certainly, it was the right thing to do," Manhattan state Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus said.

With that, the 37-year-old rapper — who had a brush with fame in the late 1990s and early 2000s — walked slowly out of the courtroom, looking back at family and friends. He didn't speak at his sentencing, but his lawyer, Anthony L. Ricco, said G. Dep was at peace with his decision.

The rapper revived the case by walking into a police station in late 2010. He told police he'd shot someone while trying to rob him on a street corner years earlier.

Then came an unusual trial in which he acknowledged confessing but argued that police might have mismatched his account to the October 1993 shooting of John Henkel, 32.

G. Dep was convicted last month — a decision jurors made "with a heavy heart," foreman Jim Nelson wrote to the judge in a letter asking for leniency for the rapper, born Trevell Coleman.

"I, and I believe many others, have been moved by Mr. Coleman's story and by what he did in listening to his conscience and coming forward after all these years," wrote Nelson, the editor-in-chief of GQ magazine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"He was in search of his redemption and his honour, and some might say that he achieved that."

Anthony L. Ricco, G. Dep's lawyer

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Steve, a man who is 95 per cent blind, waves as he test drives Google's self-drive car. METRO/SCREENSHOT/YOUTUBE

Self-driving car tested in Nevada

The future. Bumpers of the Google cars will be labelled 'self-driving car' and license plates will be red

The citizens of Nevada are getting the chance to drive the "car of the future."

The silver state has approved Google's application to test their self-driving cars on the state's public roads.

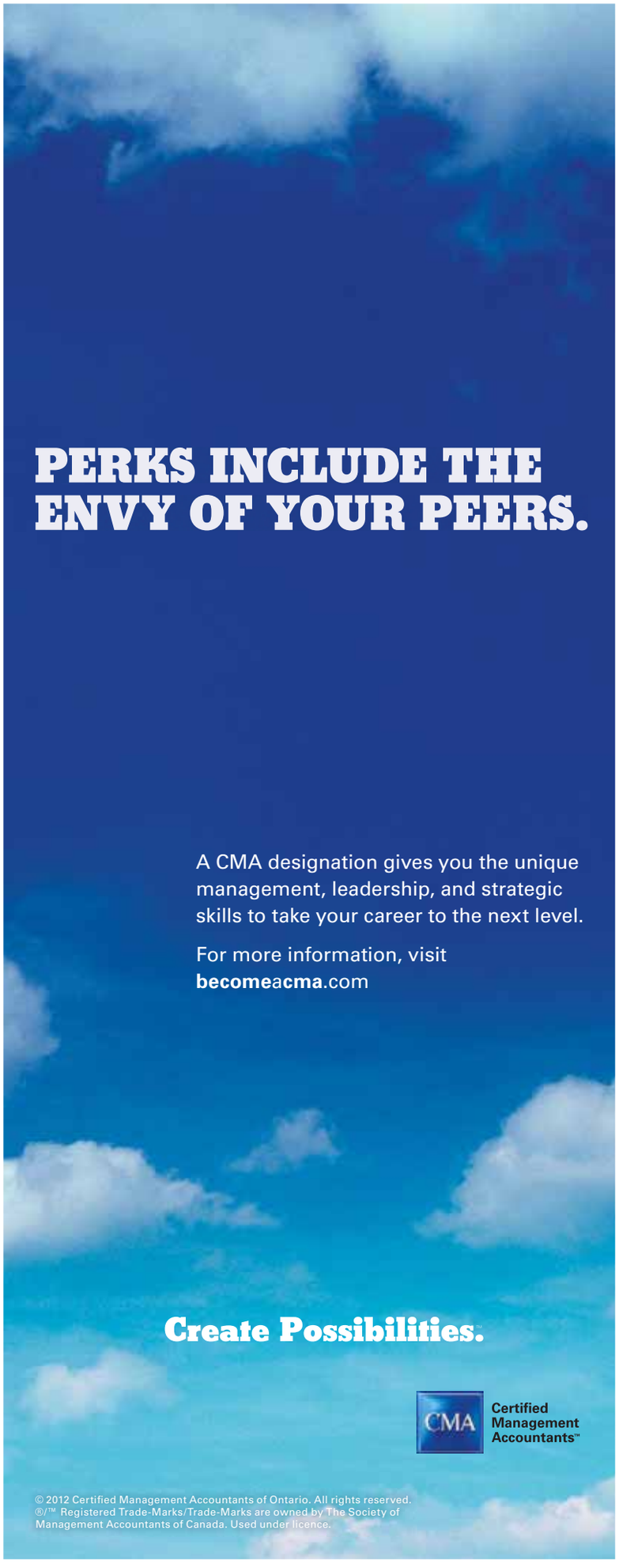
This the first such license issued to test autonomous vehicles in the United States.

The tech-giant underwent multiple test demonstrations on highways, residential roads, and even the Las Vegas Strip. IRENE KUAN/METRO

Self-parking too

To watch a video of Steve testing out the self-driving car, visit metronews.ca.

- The car transports Steve down a residential road, then into a fast-food drive-thru to grab a taco. It even parks itself.



Death row feral rabbits spared

Bunny bonanza. Report says no animals were harmed during the making of this sterilization plan

Out-of-control feral rabbits, once at risk of being put to death in an Alberta mountain community, may end up living "hoppily" ever after.

Canmore, a picturesque town located 110 kilometres west of Calgary on the eastern edge of Banff National Park, made international headlines and faced the wrath of animal lovers last year for its plan to destroy about 2,000 rabbits.

The rabbits were originally pets but were released in the 1990s and started doing what bunnies do best. Canmore officials say the population grew to the point where there was one rabbit for every six people in the town of 12,000.

The town has said the rabbits are too plentiful and could attract cougars and coyotes looking for an easy snack.

A feral rabbit is shown in Canmore, Alta. BILL GRAVELAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canmore originally hired a contractor to trap the long-eared animals and was planning to have them euthanized. However, a deal with an animal rescue group, the Earth Animal Rescue Society (EARS), was worked out and all of the rabbits so far have gone there.

An update by the town on its feral rabbit management plan indicates that the trapping of the critters ran from January until the end of March and 213 rabbits were successfully sterilized and are now living in a local rabbit sanctuary.

"There were no rabbits euthanized by the contractor," reads the report.

Susan Vickery, who has been working with EARS from her home in Coombs, B.C., said a wave of cash came in from the public during the month of March after it was made public that her group had run out of money and that it would be unable to save any other rabbits.

"It's nice to see that people do respond at crisis time, that they didn't just keep their heads in the sand," Vickery said.

"Without that second wave of funding we would have been without the resources we needed. I'm not going to say in the toilet," she said with a chuckle. "That was a blessing. Those were really pennies from heaven."

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A displaced family carries their belongings on the road after the village of Kibumba was occupied by an armed militia in Congo on Tuesday. MARC HOFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mutinous army members defect

Congo. War-wracked nation faces yet another danger as new rebel group is formed

Soldiers linked to a Congolese ex-general wanted by the International Criminal Court announced that they had defected from the army and formed a new rebel group.

The move represents a dangerous development for this war-wracked nation, where numerous rebel armies have taken root. A 2009 peace deal allowed some of the rebel leaders to join the regular army, in a tenuous peace. The defecting soldiers belong to the largest of these rebel groups, the former CNDP, whose fighters brought Congo to the brink of civil war in 2009.

A communique from ex-army officer Vianney Kazarama says the soldiers have regrouped and are calling themselves the March 23 Movement. The new group is led by a colonel who was formerly the No. 2 in the army under ex-General Bosco Ntaganda, who is wanted by The Hague. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Credit card companies under fire

Dictating terms. Visa, MasterCard issuers set up perverse system: Competition Bureau

Canada's credit card system is a "perverse" place where shoppers who pay with cash or debit subsidize purchases made with credit cards, the Competition Bureau argued Tuesday in its opening salvo against Visa and MasterCard.

That's because merchants pay high fees for accepting credit cards and those costs are passed on to all consumers, the bureau's lead counsel Kent Thomson said in his opening statement to a tribunal hearing whether credit card companies are engaging in anti-competitive behaviour.

Presenting the case for the Competition Bureau, Thomson argued that the restrictive contracts put in place by Visa and MasterCard allow the two credit card companies — which represent 92 per cent of the market — to essentially dictate terms to merchants.

As Thomson pointed out, Visa and MasterCard charged merchants about $5 billion in fees for the privilege of accepting payments by customers using the cards, charges that merchants recoup through higher consumer prices.

Those fees, which range from 1.5 to 3 per cent on purchases, are among the highest in the world, he said, about twice the rate credit card firms charge merchants in Australia, New Zealand and many parts of Europe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Most Canadians are unaware of the high cost of fees."

Kent Thomson, the Competition Bureau's lead counsel, on credit card companies behaviour.

The art of nostalgic advertising

Art Pastusak, left, and his apprentice Liam McWilliams, paint a billboard on a brick wall of a New York building in this April 17 photo. Pastusak, a billboard artist since 1977, took McWilliams, a 2010 graduate of Pratt University, as his apprentice in August 2011. Their nostalgic form of advertising is thriving again in New York City. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian broadcasters

Turn down loud ads: Regulators

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has given broadcasters until September to ensure both their programs and commercials are transmitted at the same volume. The commission says 2009's international standard for measuring and controlling television signals will apply to minimize fluctuations in loudness between programming and commercials. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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Survey. Smartphone users get what they want

The wait is just about over — the Internet will soon provide instant access to just about everything you want.

Sixty-nine per cent of 2012 Rogers Innovation Report survey respondents said that faster, better access to information and knowledge online that will "make me and my life better" was what they wanted the Internet to provide. Survey results were released Wednesday.

"What people are valuing most is real-time information" said Rob Switzman, senior director, emerging business, Rogers Communications.

The online survey polled just over 1,000 adult Canadians who use a smartphone and are connected to the Internet.

Connections

Canadians love being connected so much that 34 per cent of those surveyed said they'd give up liquor and beer before their Internet connection, 31 per cent would go without chocolate, and 27 per cent would give up coffee!

- **98 per cent.** Most surveyed use Internet to connect with family and friends.

"The Internet is no longer just a place to go.... It's creating new experiences and transforming the way people live.

From apps that monitor cholesterol to fridges that automatically order groceries, the Internet is becoming the backbone of all connections in the world around us, and will continue to evolve how we go about our daily lives," said Switzman.

Seventy-two per cent expect the Internet to play an increasingly important role in the next five years, said Switzman.

One future development that Rogers is excited about, says Switzman: "We will not carry a wallet or keys.... Everything will be in your smartphone." YLVA VAN BUUREN/FOR METRO

Baby clothes. Pyjamas go high-tech to monitor sleep

Rogers announced Tuesday that it has partnered with U.S.-based biomedical engineering company Exmovere Holdings Inc., for the launch of digital pyjamas, called Exmobaby, later this year.

The machine-washable outfit has embedded sensors and an AAA-battery powered wireless transmitter that beams information to a computer, smartphone or tablet.

The manufacturer claims the product can perform electrocardiogram tests to measure electrical activity in the heart, monitor skin temperature and movement, and detect mood changes. Expected to be available sometime after October, a starter kit with four outfits is to sell for $149, plus a $9.99 monthly service plan.

Rogers will be the exclusive provider of wireless service for Exmobaby in Canada and will also use some of its media properties to market the product, said Mansell Nelson, vice president of the company's machine-to-machine division.

As a father of two older kids, he can imagine how useful the product might be for today's parents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teachers refuse to back Magna's board of directors

AGM. Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan to withhold votes for directors who backed Stronach buyout

The Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan won't be backing several members of Magna International's board of directors at the auto-parts maker's annual general meeting Thursday.

Teachers' said Tuesday it plans to withhold votes for all directors who served on the board when the controversial decision was made in 2010 to buy out founder Frank Stronach's controlling stake for $863 million US and collapse the company's dual-class share structure.

"We continue to believe that these directors failed to satisfactorily represent the interests of the corporation and all shareholders and, as a result, have lost confidence in their ability to act in the best long-term interest of the corporation," the major pension fund said on its website.

Mike Harris TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"We continue to have serious concerns about the compensation practices, particularly with respect to Frank Stronach and the allocation of pre-tax profits to executives, which in our view do not align the interests of shareholders and management."

In its proxy circular filed in March, Magna said former Ontario premier Mike Harris is exiting his role as chairman and that two other directors, Louis Lataif and Donald Resnick, also won't stand for re-election.

Following a lawsuit from some major investors, Magna disclosed in December that Harris, Lataif and Resnick received just 38 per cent shareholder support at last year's annual meeting.

Those three directors oversaw the controversial deal to buy out Stronach's controlling stake in cash and shares at a premium of about 1,800 per cent.

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Digi-watch. Developer ready for next step

The Canadian developer behind the Pebble e-paper watch has decided it's almost time to stop taking orders.

The Pebble, which was launched on the crowdfunding website Kickstarter, is a digital wristwatch that wirelessly connects to the smartphone in your pocket — either an iPhone or Android device — and displays Caller ID information for incoming calls, emails, Facebook and Twitter messages, or calendar and weather alerts.

It can also run other apps, like RunKeeper for tracking workouts.

Vancouver-born Eric Migicovsky originally sought $100,000 in pledges to help get the watch into production. It took just 28 hours to hit $1 million and the money never stopped pouring in.

As of Tuesday afternoon, orders for about 75,000 watches had been placed, for a total of more than $9.25 million raised.

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MAY THE WILD THINGS KEEP ROARING

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Yesterday, the Wild Things ceased roaring their terrible roar for one minute of silence to mourn the passing of their creator.

Maurice Sendak, author of an entire generation of kids named Max, died at 83.

You may not immediately recognize the name, but if you were ever a kid, you'll remember his book.

Where the Wild Things Are is the story about the kid who was busted for "making mischief" in his wolf costume and sent to bed without his supper. Confined to quarters, his imagination set sail and encountered the Wild Things. They were very scary but he conquered them by staring into their yellow eyes, "not blinking once." The creatures made Max their king and then let the wild rumpus begin.

Leaving a legacy

"Sendak did not care what the officials and the librarians thought. He only cared what the kids thought."

They roared their terrible roars, and gnashed their terrible teeth. Everybody had a great, totally awesome time, but Max got homesick and so he said goodbye to the Wild Things and went home, where his mom was waiting and his supper was still hot.

Oh, that Maurice Sendak.

It's hard to believe, but Where the Wild Things Are is one of the most banned books in America (land of free speech) because back in 1963, when it was published, little kids did not get to be angry and roar their terrible roars, especially at their parents.

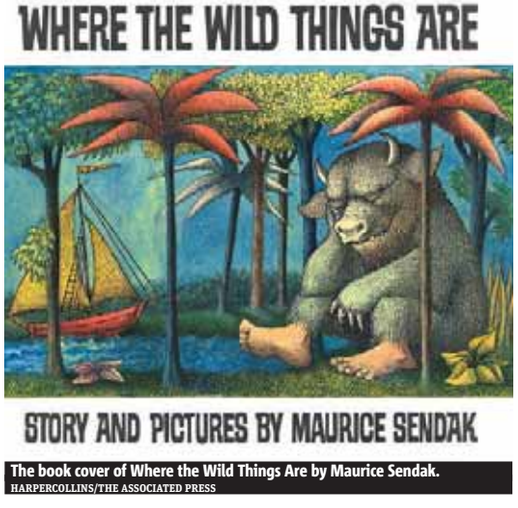
Sendak is responsible for another one of the most banned children's books in America, In the Night Kitchen, in which Mickey floats up from his bed, loses his PJs, ends up in the Night Kitchen and is nearly baked naked into the Morning Bread by three chefs who look like a cross between Oliver Hardy and Hitler.

Whatever. Sendak did not care what the officials and the librarians thought. He only cared what the kids thought: "Kids go for what they enjoy," he said. "They aren't star-chasers and they don't suck up. It's why I like them."

As much as he professed to dislike grown-ups, I think Sendak liked the little kid who lurks within. He brought all us kids — big, little, inner and outer — together at bedtime so we could have one last wild rumpus before the lights went out on another day.

And now the light has gone out forever on Sendak. With him went another piece of a rapidly vanishing spirit — the open-minded, progressive creativity somehow kindled in the second half of the 20th century, despite (or perhaps in defiance of) two world wars.

Fortunately, the creatures of his imagination, the Wild Things, will live on — in our hearts, in our minds and in our terrible roars.



The book cover of Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.
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Going to California

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Iconic figure

Marilyn not in Chicago Forever

The sculpture Forever Marilyn, by Seward Johnson, was dismantled and prepared for removal on Tuesday in Pioneer Court in Chicago.

The stainless steel and aluminum sculpture, which stands 26 feet tall and weighs 34,000 pounds, was inspired by Marilyn Monroe's iconic scene in the 1955 movie The Seven Year Itch when she holds her dress down as a gust of wind billows the skirt.

The sculpture, which has been on display in the Windy City since last July, will next be displayed in Palm Springs, Calif.

Dismantling the sculpture turned out to be an event, with about 100 onlookers gathering around to watch.

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Controversial creation

The statue has also been described as one of the worst public eyesores.

- There was also much controversy among critics because of the siren's exposed legs.
- It was ranked No. 1 on the Virtual Tourist website's top-10 list of worst public art.

Something to talk about

"It is a conversation-starter.... Part of the reason why the artist creates work is for people to think about what they are seeing and what it means to them."

Jenee Castellanos, associate curator of the Sculpture Foundation, which owns Forever Marilyn, to UPI.com

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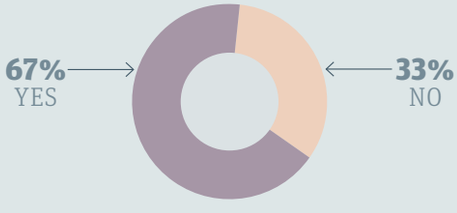
Should formerly jailed media baron Conrad Black have been allowed to return to Canada?



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@RasKofi93:
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@SteveNash the new GM, very talented youth approaching their potential. @CanBball 's future is looking very bright. #BigPicture

@shanziexo:
R.I.P Maurice Sendak. Your book 'Where The Wild Things Are' was a childhood gem for me. You will be missed <3

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Sincere question: is there a snowball's chance in hell that the #MHCCstrategy will ever be funded by anyone?

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Toronto council dissolves into a sea of vibrator jokes. Remember you elected them.

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Union Station at Front Street and The John Street Corridor

Two Municipal Class Environmental Assessments - Notices of Completion

The City of Toronto has completed two Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Studies. The recommended solutions, as documented in each Environmental Study Report (ESR), are as follows:

Changes to Front Street at Union Station

The City of Toronto has studied the reconfiguration of Front Street West from Bay Street to York Street to accommodate growing pedestrian traffic crossing Front Street and to enhance the historic Union Station's civic setting. The recommended plan includes the following main features:

1. Reducing the number of traffic lanes from four lanes to two lanes (each widened to 4.75m to better accommodate cyclists) with a mountable centre median and left turn lanes at appropriate locations.
2. Adding a mid-block pedestrian crossing area, with a slightly raised elevation (flush with the adjacent sidewalks) and specialized surface treatment.
3. Widening sidewalks and boulevard areas on both the north and south sides of Front Street, which will allow tree planting on the north side and the expansion of the public realm and civic plaza on the south side.
4. Enlarging pedestrian areas and widening crosswalks at both the Front/Bay and Front/York/University intersections to accommodate increased pedestrian volumes.
5. Providing designated lay-by areas to accommodate taxi, hotel, and private automobile pick-up and drop-off activity.

For more information about the Front Street study visit:
toronto.ca/union_station/front

John Street Corridor Improvements

The City of Toronto, in association with the Toronto Entertainment District Business Improvement Area, has evaluated potential improvements to the public realm along John Street between Stephanie Street and Front Street West. The potential improvements were developed under the guidance of the Toronto Entertainment District Master Plan. The resulting recommended design for John Street includes the following:

1. Narrowing the road pavement in order to provide significantly wider sidewalks and boulevard areas:
   a) From four to three lanes between Front Street and Wellington Street
   b) From four to two lanes between Wellington Street and Adelaide Street
   c) From three lanes to two lanes between Adelaide Street and Queen Street
2. Introducing right turn lanes northbound at Wellington Street West, northbound at Adelaide Street West and southbound at Wellington Street West, and a left turn lane southbound at Front Street, in order to avoid traffic being blocked by a single turning vehicle.
3. Including a continuous "mountable" curb on both sides of the street to enable a seamless transition into a pedestrian-only space for events, for vehicles to enter the flexible boulevard for deliveries or drop-offs, and to accommodate additional vehicular and cycling maneuvering on either side of the road in emergencies.
4. Widening of the east side boulevard between Front Street West and Stephanie Street to provide a 2.5 metre wide flexible space to accommodate deliveries, pedestrian movement, seasonal café seating, event space, and a variety of other uses.
5. Providing urban design elements which consist of a double row of trees where feasible, removable bollards, special lighting, street furniture, infrastructure to support special events and distinctive paving materials and patterns.

For more information about the John Street study visit:
toronto.ca/involved/projects/john/

Opportunities for Public Review

Both studies were carried out following the requirements for Schedule C projects under the Municipal Class EA. An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been completed for each and has been placed on public record for a 30-day review period starting May 9, 2012 and ending June 11, 2012. The study reports are available for review at the following locations:

City Clerk's Office
City Hall, 12th Fl., West Tower
100 Queen St. West
Tel: 416-392-8016

Toronto Entertainment District BIA Office
100 Simcoe St., Suite 110, Toronto, ON M5H 3G2
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Each report is also available on its associated study web page.

If you have any outstanding concerns about either project, please address them to the City staff listed below and we will attempt to seek a mutually acceptable resolution.

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If concerns regarding a project cannot be resolved in discussion with the City of Toronto, a person or party may request that the Minister of the Environment make an order for the project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order), which addresses individual Environmental Assessments. The Minister must receive the request in writing by June 11, 2012 at the address below, and a copy must also be sent to the City contact. If no requests are received by this date the City may proceed with a project as outlined in the Environmental Study Report.

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Baron Cohen's typical antics dictate proceedings

The Dictator. Latest alter-ego is most shocking one yet as British star appalls and amuses journalists at film's official press conference in New York

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

Sacha Baron Cohen, dressed as his latest alter-ego Admiral General Aladeen, from his upcoming film The Dictator. DAVE ALLOCCA, STARPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mastermind behind controversial characters Ali G, Borat and Bruno knows how to get the most bang for his buck when it comes to a public appearance.

To promote his upcoming film, The Dictator, (opening May 16) Sacha Baron Cohen arrived at New York's Waldorf Astoria flanked by four short-skirted "guards" to give a press conference to hundreds of journalists from all over the world.

Questions for the conference were pre-approved, but given the clever answers Baron Cohen concocted for them ahead of time, the lack of spontaneity might have been worth it.

Since in the film Baron Cohen plays Admiral General Aladeen — a misogynistic, racist, anti-Semitic ruler of the impoverished African nation of Wadiya — his in-character answers drew gasps, groans and laughs. Here are a few of his best zingers:

"We dictators aren't all bad. While Western countries continue to ravage our planet's resources, we preserve our land and conserve it by burying thousands of bones in single mass eco-graves."

"On behalf of my dear friend and doubles tennis partner President Assad of Syria, I want to thank the United Nations for their brave inaction over Syria. Thirteen months and still no security council resolution. You guys are amazing. You have done next to nothing for the Syrian people — but remember, you can always do less."

"It has been a tough year. We have lost a lot of good people and I have lost a lot of good friends — Gaddafi, I miss you [looks in the air]. Sorry, Gaddafi, I miss you [looks at the ground]. Also, KJ, Kimmy G, K-Jo, K-Man — you know, Kim Jong. And of course you know Chavez died last month... Oh, oops — you did not hear that from me."

2 SCENE

Celebrity saviour

Hoffman helps cardiac arrest victim

A man who had a cardiac arrest while jogging in London's Hyde Park says his life was saved with help from a famous passerby — actor Dustin Hoffman. Sam Dempster said Tuesday that Hoffman waited with him after he collapsed on April 27 until paramedics arrived. On his recovery blog, 27-year-old Dempster thanked medical staff and "my newfound favourite celebrity Dustin Hoffman." Martin Macarthur, one of the paramedics on the scene, said: "He (Hoffman) stayed on the scene for the resuscitation. He was very concerned."

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Fans make Cumberbatch feel right at Holmes

Sherlock screening. Rousing reception for British actor whose star has risen in Hollywood since taking role of famous detective

AMBER RAY
Metro World News

PBS held a contest for the fans of Sherlock — the modern update on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's eccentric detective — to attend a screening and Q&A with star Benedict Cumberbatch and creator Steven Moffat in honor of the series' second season, premiering tonight.

A whopping 10,000 people entered to win tickets to the event at the 400-seat Florence Gould Hall Theater in Midtown. By all accounts, it sounded like every single one of the hopefuls were in attendance when Cumberbatch entered the room to exuberant screams and applause.

But the smart, self-deprecating actor I met before fans were seated belies the rock-star reception he received on stage. The 35-year-old Brit with a wry sense of humor was candid about how he's managing to stay grounded as his profile rises.

He was careful and thoughtful as we discussed his commanding performance as the world's most famous detective. Most of all, he was gracious — counting his blessings for the opportunities he has been given and thanking, many times over, those fans so enthusiastic to make him a star.

"Have you seen the fans outside?," I enquired. "I've heard that some have come as far as South Korea and that some have been standing in line for 10 hours for tonight's event."

"No, I haven't," came his reply. "I want to go and see them at some point. And if I can, I will, because it's all about them and bringing a wide audience to something — if they are outside, they probably already watched (Season 1) and enjoyed it, and I want to be here to promote the series and make them feel included in something bigger, because it was such an event in the U.K. this year.

"Eleven million (viewers) for most — I think for all the episodes. It became a national obsession for a month. The week after (the finale aired in the U.K.) people were still trying to figure out what the hell happened at the end of episode three and how it happened. So, it's just great. It's nice to be in a watercooler moment, and I'd love for America to experience a bit of that as well."

Join the club

"There's room for all of us. It's like Hamlet."

Benedict Cumberbatch
Commenting on the new famous faces of Arthur Conan Doyle's character.

The British star is definitely having a moment himself, having starred in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy and War Horse last year and is now filming The Hobbit and the next Star Trek movie — though he can't say much about the last two.

"I can't say anything about them, other than they're both amazing fun to do. I'm just finishing Star Trek — I've got one more day on in San Francisco in two days' time. It's been amazing."

It has been confirmed that Cumberbatch will play villain Khan in the second instalment of the new sci-fi franchise, which is enough to get people excited.

Of course, people are very excited about Sherlock Holmes right now — from the series to the films starring Robert Downey Jr. to the new TV series coming to CBS called Elementary, starring Jonny Lee Miller.

"There's room for all of us. It's like Hamlet — there can be more than one going on in the world at any one time. It's a classic role. I think all of us are fortunate enough to have a varied-enough career so that we're not all just being defined by that one role. So bring it. (Laughs.) Just bring it."

Rising star Benedict Cumberbatch plays the odd genius detective in Sherlock. GETTY IMAGES

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Theatre

Talented Turner maintains her High standards

In the mind of this reviewer (and perhaps most children of the 1980s) Kathleen Turner is best remembered either as a foil to Michael Douglas in various romantic comedies and as the voice of Jessica Rabbit in the somewhat seminal film Who Framed Roger Rabbit.

While Turner has made fewer movies since her heyday, she has become a formidable character actress and for someone of Turner's craft, the stage becomes an excellent space to witness her strong presence in action.

It is this context which brings us to Turner's latest theatrical engagement, High, which opened yesterday at the Royal Alex Theatre and plays until Sunday. High is about a nurse, Sister Jamison Connolly (Turner), whose own faith is tested as she sponsors a 19-year-old recovering drug addict, Cody (Evan Jonigkeit). Their ensuing relationship is one where Connolly shares with Cody her own past history of drug addiction, much to Cody's disinterest. The real tension within the play is captured in Turner's character, who is caught between her own conceptions of religiosity and her knowledge of treatment mechanisms.

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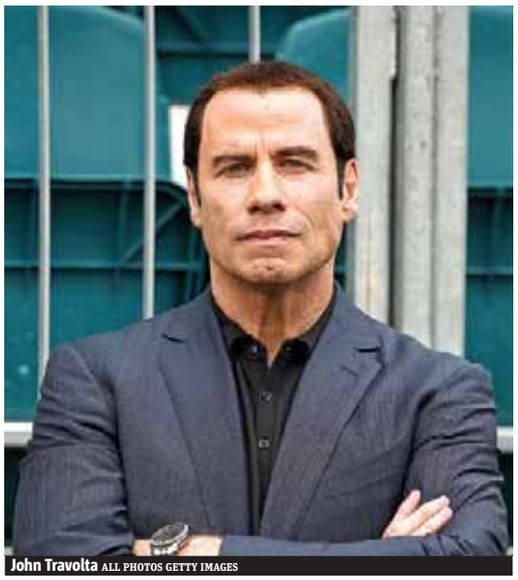
Kathleen Turner (right) stars as Sister Jamison Connolly and Evan Jonigkeit plays Cody Randall in High. LANNY NAGLER



John Travolta ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Masseuse sues John Travolta for sexual advances

An unnamed man is suing John Travolta for sexual battery and assault, claiming the famous actor tried to have sex with him after hiring him for a massage, according to E! News.

The suit claims Travolta stripped naked, fondled himself and made several sexual advances at the man. It also states Travolta bragged to the plaintiff that he "got where he is now due to sexual favors he had performed when he was in his Welcome Back, Kotter days." According to the suit, Travolta apologized for his advances.

Quoted

"This lawsuit is complete fiction and fabrication. None of the events claimed in the suit ever occurred." Rep for John Travolta

Matthew Fox busted for drunk driving

Matthew Fox was arrested for driving under the influence in Oregon earlier this week, but by Hollywood arrest standards he can count himself lucky.

"He didn't take a booking photo because the machine was broken," a source tells TMZ. "He'll have to come back and get that done another day." The former Lost star was reportedly stopped at 3:23 a.m. while on his way to a fast-food restaurant with a passenger in the car. Fox is due in court on June 7.

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Mila Kunis: Accidental superhero?

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On Friday, actress Mila Kunis called police after a man followed her to the gym for the third day in a row. Stuart Dunn, a 27-year-old homeless man, had previously been ordered to keep his distance from Kunis after allegedly breaking into her Los Angeles home in January.

Yesterday, Kunis was dialing 911 again when a man who worked at her home suffered a violent seizure. After he collapsed, she turned his head to the side to prevent choking and offered to ride with him in the ambulance, reports TMZ.

It's just as we suspected: Mila Kunis is an advanced superhuman with lifesaving powers, immune to even the perfect excuse to skip the gym. How else do you think she survived eight years in patterned bell-bottoms opposite Ashton Kutcher?

She just writes the hits...

Sheryl Crow had to ask her audience for help when she forgot the words to her hit Soak Up The Sun during her Saturday show in St. Petersburg, FL. "I'm 50, what can I say! My brain has gone to s—t!" she said after getting back on track.

Which begs the question: what wonderful, merciful rock has Sheryl been hiding under for the past 10 years?

Prince Harry

Love is still in the air for Prince Harry and former flame Chelsea

Prince Harry can't seem to keep ex-girlfriend Chelsea Davy out of his life, as the two — who split up officially in 2009 — are reportedly seeing each other, according to Us Weekly.

"They're not dating again, but they are seeing each other," a source says. "There's definitely a romantic connection still. They will never be 'just friends' — both of them admit that's impossible."

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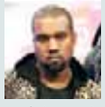

Today, Kanye West is taking over to let us know some trends in men's fashion of which he's not particularly fond.

@kanyewest
Just driving through the city and I see a few thing I hate...

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I hate hoodies with sport coats

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I hate khaki trench coats with jeans and off brand work out sneakers

@ kanyewest
I Hate big ass striped scarves

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Starwood sets sights on the East

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide plans to open 40 new hotels in the Middle East and North Africa over the next five years, the hotel operator said Monday. The company currently has nearly 70 high-end hotels in the region, including a recently opened Westin in Abu Dhabi and St. Regis in Qatar. It has a long history in the area, beginning with its opening of a Sheraton in 1966 in Kuwait.

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On the web

Old Montana prison offers a chilling glimpse of the past

A walk across the Brooklyn Bridge is one of the best free activities for visitors. MARY ALTAFFER, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 Freebies in New York

It's ironic in a city with some of the most expensive hotels and restaurants in the world, many of New York's best attractions are free.

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1 Times Square

A vibrant public space like no other, even better in person than it looks on TV. Plenty of things here to buy, of course, but the lights, sights and people-watching are free, 24 hours a day.

2 Staten Island Ferry

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3 Central Park

Central Park is the city's backyard, a green space where New Yorkers can escape their small apartments to skate, bike, jog, push a stroller, walk a dog or climb a rock. Stroll the serpentine paths as dappled sunshine filters through the trees, and consider how well the park fulfills the goal of its 19th century designers, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, who sought to create the illusion of nature in an urban environment.

4 Brooklyn Bridge

When it opened in 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge was an engineering wonder; the longest suspension bridge in the world. It remains a beloved symbol of New York and an aesthetic triumph, with Gothic arches worthy of a cathedral and a delicate filigree of cables whose patterns change with every step along the mile-long walkway. Take the A or C train to High Street, Brooklyn, and walk back to Manhattan for the best skyline views.

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A stone figure of the Maize God is on display at the Maya 2012: Lords of Time exhibit. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Unravelling the Mayan mystery

Exhibit. Ancient kingdoms and glyph writings explained in new show at Penn Museum in Philadelphia

If the world ends on Dec. 21, 2012 — as some believe the Maya predicted — that leaves plenty of opportunity to see a new exhibit that examines the civilization's ancient kingdoms, intricate calendar systems and current culture.

Experts at the Penn Museum in Philadelphia apparently give little credence to the apocalypse myth, considering the show runs through early 2013. But they say the legend, which has been perpetuated in pop culture through disaster movies and sensational tabloid headlines, offers a chance to engage people about ancient and modern Maya society.

Maya 2012: Lords of Time features artifacts excavated from the historic Maya ruins of Copan in Honduras, including burial jewelry, food vessels and ceramic figures. Honduras President Porfirio Lobo Sosa is scheduled to cut the ribbon when the exhibit opens on Saturday.

The show also uses interactive displays to explain the culture's glyph writing and sophisticated timetables. The upshot is that while it's human nature to seek ancient insight into the current world, people should not interpret the Maya calendar as predicting a cataclysmic event.

"It's just a turn of a cycle," said curator Loa Traxler.

Regarded as one of the world's greatest early societies, the Maya lived for centuries in parts of Mexico and Central America. Many of their iconic pyramids and other city remnants still stand in places like Copan, where 16 Maya kings ruled for about 400 years.

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Mayan myth

Armageddon?

As early astronomers, the Maya devised various types of calendars by observing celestial movements. Their "Long Count" calendar begins in 3114 B.C. and marks time in roughly 394-year periods known as baktuns. Thirteen was a sacred number for the Maya, and some scholars believe the 13th baktun ends on Dec. 21, 2012. Penn Museum experts say it ends Dec. 23, but that then another calendar cycle will begin — not Armageddon. Curator Loa Traxler said while it's hard to trace the origin of the apocalypse prophecy, she described it as "a conflation of a lot of different ideas," including Aztec lore and Judeo-Christian end-of-days rhetoric. AP

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Chef Marcus Samuelsson, owner of Red Rooster Harlem in Sweden. METRO WORLD NEWS

Savour the diverse flavours of Scandinavian cuisine

New Nordic concept. This part of the world is a hotbed for innovative chefs and revolutionary cooking — try it for yourself

Scandinavia is world-renowned for originality, and diners will find that same innovation in Scandinavian kitchens, where a new wave of creative, world-class chefs are earning rave reviews for the "New Nordic Cuisine" concept.

Sprung from a dozen prominent chefs in the Scandinavian region, the concept is a kitchen movement dedicating itself to freshness, simplicity, and ethics in cooking. The concept involves using locally sourced and organic ingredients, and focuses on bringing back traditional dishes native to Scandinavia with an innovative twist.

Famed chefs such as Norway's Geir Skeie, Denmark's Rene Redzepi, and Sweden's Mathias Dahlgren all take part in the movement.

Foodies will find much to enjoy in Scandinavia. Thew region boasts a total of 27 Michelin rated restaurants.

In addition to the assortment of gourmet restaurants, Scandinavia also took home the top three honours at the 2012 Bocuse D'Or international chef championship.

Over the past decade, Stockholm has been widely publicized as one of Europe's most exciting, diverse and creative gastronomic destinations boasting a range of world-class restaurants.

Swedish chefs have distinguished themselves on the global arena — one of them, acclaimed chef and Food Network fixture Marcus Samuelsson, mixes traces of Scandinavian flavours with French technique and African ideas at his restaurant Red Rooster Harlem.

Norway's awe-inspiring, unspoiled nature has influenced the cuisine within the country. Norwegian cuisine's success is based on products that thrive on pure waters and fresh, clean air. Diners can enjoy freshly-caught cod from Lofoten, or juicy, sweet cherries from Hardanger.

Denmark's gourmet restaurants are on the rise, especially in Copenhagen, where no fewer than 13 of the local eateries are Michelin-rated. Even Tivoli Gardens boasts a Michelin-rated restaurant. The city is also home to Noma, which has been ranked as the best restaurant in the world.

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Quoted

"My favourite dish in all categories is our spiced bagel and lox — it's spiced with Ethiopian spices, smoked the Scandinavian way with crisp bagel chips. It's one dish that I really enjoy and I think it reflects my culinary sensibilities."

Marcus Samuelsson, chef and owner of the Red Rooster Harlem

Norway

- **Tjuvholmen Sjømagasinet.** First-class seafood restaurant.
- **Oro Exclusive.** Gourmet food.
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Denmark

- **Noma Nordic.** Cuisine at its best. Voted the world's best restaurant.

- **Aamanns Classic.** Smørrebrød (open-faced sandwiches) with a twist.
- **Relæ Gourmet.** Food cafeteria-style.

Sweden

- **Frantzén Lindeberg.** Intimate restaurant with French/Nordic food.
- **B.A.R.** Fresh produce year-round.
- **Norda Gothenburg.** Farm-to-table food by chef Marcus Samuelsson.

Black Place, Grey and Pink. THE GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New O'Keeffe exhibit shows 'the faraway'

Georgia O'Keeffe could handle the inhospitable conditions of the American Southwest, with its intense sun and rugged terrain.

Her clothes tell part of the story — jeans worn at the knees and sneakers scuffed. Her handwritten letters tell even more about the dust, the biting gnats, unpredictable rainstorms and the repeated struggles to get to some of New Mexico's loneliest spots.

The items, along with camping gear and snapshots taken by the artist's friends during some of their outdoor adventures, are part of a year-long exhibition opening May 11 at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe.

The show highlights the stretches of high desert she called "the faraway" and the landscape paintings that they inspired.

"The unique environment of the Southwest was always a muse for her and it continued to offer her boundless inspiration until the end of her life. But how she did it and how difficult it was is something that we don't really often talk about," said Carolyn Kastner, the museum's associate curator.

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Paris, France

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Demands from the kids have been rare but from the moment we mentioned Paris there have been three words on their lips: Pain au chocolat. We knew the first one would be the most memorable, so when my friend Emma told us about some great eating spots in the city, we knew what we had to do. We hopped on the metro, headed for the 10th arrondissement and found heaven in a tiny shop called Du Pain et des idees. The looks on their little faces after the first bite? *Formidable*.

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Marilyn Monroe at the Beverly Hills Hotel. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hotel celebrates century of Hollywood glamour

Anniversary. Plenty of stars have called the Beverly Hills Hotel home over the years — new book offers a peek inside

Stand on the Beverly Hills Hotel's red carpet, leading into its chandeliered lobby, and you can't help but visualize a century's worth of celebrities, royalty, politicians, musicians and actors who have stayed there, from Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor to Madonna, Reese Witherspoon and Katy Perry.

The luxury hotel on Sunset Boulevard marks 100 years since it opened May 12, 1912, two years before the city of Beverly Hills itself was built around it. It remains one of the swankiest destinations in Southern California, home to Oscar and Grammy parties and star-filled lunches.

Its breezy, old-Hollywood air comes from an incomparable list of superstar guests that has ranged over the decades from Charlie Chaplin, Cary Grant and Clark Gable, to John Lennon and Jack Nicholson, to the androgynously elegant Marlene Dietrich, who convinced the hotel's Polo Lounge restaurant to change its "no slacks for women" dress code in the 1940s.

In his new book The Beverly Hills Hotel and Bungalows — The First 100 Years, Robert S. Anderson, the hotel's official historian and great-grandson of its founder, tells the hotel's story, from its beginnings amid acres of bean fields, to the present day, when celebs such as director Sofia Coppola think nothing of stopping by the coffee shop for a bite with friends.

Anderson's great-grandmother Margaret Anderson — who managed a hotel on the site of what's now the Hollywood & Highland Center, where the Academy Awards are held — built the Beverly Hills Hotel for $500,000 with architect Elmer Grey.

"Elmer Grey designed the hotel in such a way so that every room got sunlight in one point of the day or another," said Robert S. Anderson during lunch in late April in the Polo Lounge, beneath its green-and-white striped patio ceiling. "An acre of land was set aside for the guests to grow vegetables and flowers while staying here, so they would feel at home. That acre of land now is probably worth $25 million."

Making its famous guests feel at home, and giving them privacy, have always been part of the hotel's mission, beginning with silent film-era stars such as Chaplin and Buster Keaton, who shot movies at the hotel.

In a new film timed to the anniversary celebration, actor Michael Douglas mused about the hotel's nostalgic appeal to both celebs and those without Hollywood ties.

"I've been going to the Beverly Hills Hotel for over half of its life. You feel timeless," Douglas said. "There's a thoughtfulness that makes you feel like you're coming home. It could be 50 years ago — except, of course, for the cellphones."

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Hollywood haven

Paparazzi beware

The hotel remains a place where celebrities can let down their hair, attracting the East Coast elite as well as Hollywood locals. But paparazzi, beware. "Stars felt safe here, as they do today," said Robert S. Anderson, author of a book on the hotel. "For example, even getting through the front door. If you're wielding a heavy-duty camera, they ask you what the hell you're doing."

The Beverly Hills Hotel is home to Oscar and Grammy parties.

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Shine the spotlight on rice by making it the star of a hearty dish

This delicate and delicious Salmon and Rice Chowder is elegant enough to serve at an afternoon lunch but also easy enough to whip together for a quick weeknight meal.

Salmon may be substituted for any firm white fish or shrimp to suit different tastes.

1. In large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat; cook the onion and celery, stirring occasionally, until they are softened, about 5 minutes.

2. Stir in flour; cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in clam juice, water, salt, paprika and pepper; bring to boil over high heat, stirring often.

3. Add salmon, rice and corn and cream; cover and simmer until heated through and fish flakes easily when tested, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in bit more cream and dill; heat through.

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Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 stalks of celery, diced
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 bottles (each 236 mL) clam juice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) sweet paprika
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) boneless skinless salmon fillets, cut into bite-size chunks
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) cooked medium- or long-grain brown rice
- 1 cup (250 mL) frozen corn kernels
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) whipping cream
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh dill, parsley, chives or green onions

Salmon and Rice Chowder

This recipe serves six people. RICEINFO.COM

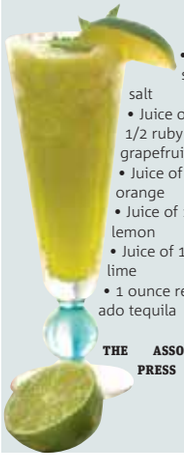
Drink of the Week

Super Citrus 'Rita

1. Salt the rim of a cocktail glass and fill with ice.

2. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the grapefruit juice, orange juice, lemon juice, lime juice and tequila. Shake vigorously, then strain into the glass.

3. Garnish with a lemon twist.



- Kosher salt
- Juice of 1/2 ruby red grapefruit
- Juice of 1/2 orange
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 ounce reposado tequila

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What happens when your work friend becomes your new boss?

New power dynamic. One minute you're having coffee breaks together, the next minute they're asking you for that report

KAVI GUPPTA
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Feeling jealous of your friend's success? Why not try to learn from them? ISTOCK

When I first started dipping my toes into the advertising world, I worked for a really small start-up that had a staff of about 15 people.

The small size of the company meant that we would spend all of our time together and we naturally became a close-knit group of friends.

During my tenure at this firm, a number of friends and co-workers were promoted to positions that involved me working under them.

I was also put in a position that gave me authority over some of my closest friends and colleagues.

For a while, we struggled to find the appropriate balance as co-workers, friends and "underlings."

Co-worker relationships are interesting. These are people you probably spend 90 per cent of your week with and they're relationships that can be lasting and influential to your career.

But what happens when your co-worker, and friend, gets promoted to a position as your superior? Does the relationship stay the same?

How do you deal with the fact that your closest confidante is now your boss?

Respect the space

This person is obviously someone you may be reporting to on a regular basis. Remember that even though you're friends, you have to respect the position he or she has been given, and act accordingly.

Never think that deadlines and expectations are lowered because your best friend is the boss.

Talk about it

Express your thoughts and develop a strategy for how this new work relationship will function.

Set out guidelines that respect both you and your co-worker's positions, but be flexible in a manner that allows you to still socialize with them.

This is a good way to gauge how you and your friend can interact with each other, especially if hanging out at the local pub and gabbing is common after work.

You may even feel an inkling of jealousy, and that's understandable. But bottling it all up and acting like a jerk to someone who considers you a friend isn't right. The same thing applies if your friend is being cocky or running on a power trip. Lay it all out on the table, express how you feel, but be professional. You are still co-workers.

Learn from them

Your colleague has clearly demonstrated that he or she is capable of moving into a more senior position.

Learn from that. Shadow them and observe how they work and if possible, use them as a mentor to help you advance in your own career.

This is someone who knows you well and can provide you with a wealth of great knowledge and ideas on improving your own work process.

What happens if I get promoted and become a superior to my friends?

Well, first of all, scroll back up and read the first two pointers, and replace your colleague with yourself.

But what about number three? How would that work?

Become the mentor! Reverse the role and guide your friends to do better at work. Teach them what you know and what you did to get to where you are. Friends help each other out, right?

Have you experienced this scenario in your career? Share your thoughts and what you did to make the best of this situation.

Talk it out

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Be an entry-level star

Starting from the bottom. How absorbing and embracing adversity can help your new career

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After a year of working at a comfortable management desk job right out of business school, I was pulled into my boss's office and was told it was time for a "critical experience."

As my boss was speaking, all I remember hearing were the words "working off-shift" and I knew that I was headed to manage the night shift.

Ego-deflating critical experiences might involve relocating to a field office in the middle of nowhere, working on the smallest and most un-sexy brand (like my male friend working on a feminine-hygiene brand), or completing mundane data entry that even a monkey could perform.

These entry-level critical experiences are never the jobs you hear about at university — however, their intention is simple and important: to test your devotion to the company and accelerate your understanding of the business from cocky new grad to competent leader.

While they're not fun, these experiences are highly beneficial and if you want to move up to the executive levels — or at least beyond the entry level — you must embrace and succeed at these critical experiences.

It's often said that those who reach the stratospherically successful plateaus in life and career are those who can handle the quickest pace of change.

I would go a step further and say that they are also the ones who seek out and learn from the most adverse scenarios. It sounds counter-intuitive, but these adversity-craving people realize that adversity is where the growth is and don't shy away from it.

For me, working the night shift meant drastically changing one of the most fundamental and steadfast structures in my life: my routine. While challenging, it was one of the best things for me. Not only was I making executive calls affecting a large team of employees and having a significant impact on costs and budget, but I learned to be adaptable in life and to be more open to change.

If you want to get to the castle, you've got to swim the moat. ISTOCK IMAGES

Adversity is logarithmic. Now is your time to eat it up to raise your baseline tolerance of it for the even larger critical experiences coming down the pipe. There is always a light at the end of the tunnel — and a promotion not so far away.

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4 SPORTS

Soccer

"We're fighting for the shirt. This is who we are. We've got to be proud of what we're fighting for."

Toronto FC forward Eric Avila after a team meeting Monday in the wake of Saturday's Major League Soccer-record eighth straight loss to open the season. Toronto meets the Montreal Impact on Wednesday night at BMO Field in the Amway Canadian Championship semifinal. Last week's opener at Olympic Stadium ended in a drab 0-0 tie thanks to Toronto's focus on defence.

On the web

The Toronto Argonauts' inept attack made for some long nights for the club's defence in 2011. But with the offence remade in the off-season, linebacker Ejiro Kuale says the defence no longer has to worry about getting tired and "watching the clock." Scan the code for the story.

Steve Nash, left, with former Team Canada teammate Rowan Barrett on Tuesday at the Air Canada Centre. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nash as Canada GM 'a beautiful thing'

Basketball. Star Canadian will have to balance NBA career with national-team job

Steve Nash has dreamed of managing the Canadian men's basketball team since he was a young point guard running its offence.

He didn't envision that day would come so soon.

Canada's biggest basketball star was named general manager of the Canadian men's senior team Tuesday.

Nash, who will be a highly coveted free agent this NBA off-season, said the opportunity to help what might be the most talented group of young players the country has ever produced was one he couldn't pass up.

"It really is a beautiful thing to see our kids and the game grow and the talent continue to reach new heights, it's amazing," Nash said at a news conference Tuesday at Air Canada Centre. "I have a lot of excitement generated for the young kids in this country, many of which are making a name for themselves already, and many of which are coming up behind them."

Nash's former Canadian teammate Rowan Barrett was named assistant GM.

The sport's national governing body has had the two-time NBA MVP from Victoria in its sights for some time to lead a program that hasn't made an Olympic appearance since the 2000 Games in Sydney.

"Steve's basketball IQ and background are unparalleled in the sport, and we are tremendously fortunate to have him," said Wayne Parrish, Canada Basketball's president and CEO.

Nash, a 15-year NBA veteran with Phoenix and Dallas, helped Canada to a seventh-place finish — one win away from the medal round — at the Sydney Olympics, with Jay Triano as coach.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Obviously I love Jay, and if he's interested he'll be an important candidate."

Steve Nash on Jay Triano, who coached Canada to a seventh-place finish at the 2000 Summer Olympics. The national team is currently without a head coach.

Standout players

- With no Olympics for Canada this summer, Nash and Barrett plan to gather 30 or so of Canada's best players to begin training toward the 2016 Games.
- Likely included in that group of young standouts will be Tristan Thompson and Cory Joseph, both first-round picks in the 2011 NBA draft, and high-school sensation Andrew Wiggins.

NHL

Caps try to forget about Game 5

If they want to avoid elimination, Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals must figure out a way to recover and regroup from a potentially devastating loss to the New York Rangers.

The Rangers enter Wednesday's Game 6 with a 3-2 series lead, one victory from reaching the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 1997.

New York's Brad Richards tied Game 5 with 6.6 seconds left Monday, and Marc Staal won it 1:35 into overtime.

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Tennis

In-form Raonic set to face Federer

Canada's Milos Raonic dominated former grand-slam finalist David Nalbandian 6-4, 6-4 on Tuesday in the first round of the Madrid Open.

The 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., defeated the Argentine in just 74 minutes with his 16th ace of the match.

Raonic will face Swiss master Roger Federer in Wednesday's second round, having lost to the world No. 3 at Indian Wells in March.

"I hope I can do much of the same stuff (as I did) in March. I need to serve better than I did then," Raonic said. "I'm playing well and confident and I'm serving well, so that should be a big help."

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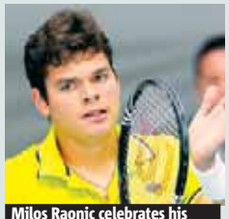

Milos Raonic celebrates his win Tuesday in Madrid.
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NBA. Magic mesmerized as Pacers clinch in Indiana

Danny Granger scored 25 points to help the Indiana Pacers defeat the Orlando Magic 105-87 on Tuesday night and clinch their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series 4-1.

It was Indiana's first series win since 2005 and its first clincher on its home court since the first round of the 2000 playoffs. The Pacers will play Miami or New York in the second round.

Darren Collison scored 15 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter and George Hill added 15 points for the Pacers, who trailed by two at the end of the third quarter but outscored the Magic 36-16 in the final 12 minutes.

Jameer Nelson led Orlando with 27 points and made 5-of-8 three-pointers. Glen Davis, a thorn in Indiana's side throughout the series, scored 15 but made just six of 17 shots. The Magic made just 5-of-16 shots in the fourth quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

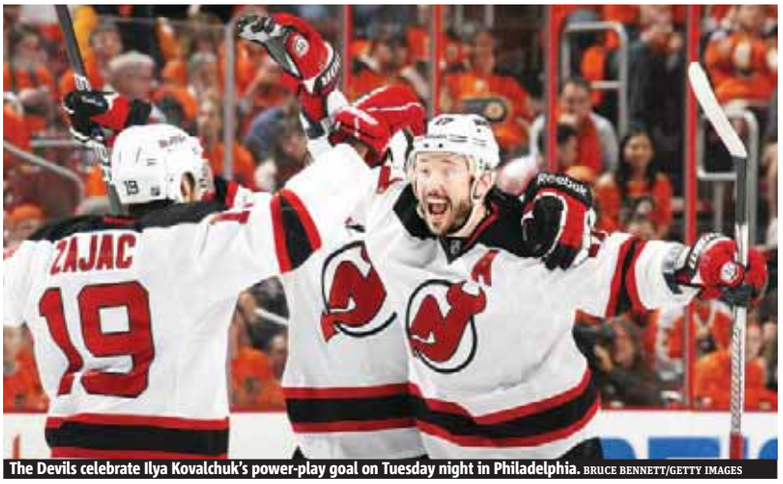
Game 5

Pacers	Magic
105	87

Orlando's Hedo Turkoglu, left, walks up court as Indiana's George Hill, centre, and Darren Collison celebrate on Tuesday night. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES

Devils finish off Flyers

NHL. New Jersey books ticket to East finals with victory in Philadelphia



The Devils celebrate Ilya Kovalchuk's power-play goal on Tuesday night in Philadelphia. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Bryce Salvador, David Clarkson and Ilya Kovalchuk scored goals to lift New Jersey to a 3-1 Game 5 win over the Philadelphia Flyers on Tuesday night, sending the Devils into the Eastern Conference Finals for the first time since 2003.

Martin Brodeur was strong in goal and has the Devils back in position to win their fourth Stanley Cup. The Devils await the winner of the New York Rangers-Washington Capitals series. New Jersey rebounded this season under coach Peter DeBoer after missing the playoffs for the first time since 1996 last season.

The sixth-seeded Devils scored twice in the first period and became the first East team to win four straight games in these playoffs.

"It was just sticking with the gameplan and doing what it takes to be successful," DeBoer said. "Marty made some saves when he needed to, and we held on."

Max Talbot scored for the Flyers as Philadelphia was eliminated in the conference semifinals for the second straight season. The Flyers finished the season without suspended all-star forward Claude Giroux because of his illegal check to the head of New Jersey centre Dainius Zubrus in Game 4.

The Flyers underwent a facelift last summer that saw them trade team captain Mike Richards to the Los Angeles Kings and acquire goalie Ilya Bryzgalov from the Phoenix Coyotes.

The Kings and Coyotes will play in the West finals while the Flyers watch from home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"It's a team game. We play that way, and guys really believe in what we're doing."

Peter DeBoer, Devils head coach.

Game 5

Devils	Flyers
3	1

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	19	11	.633	—
Tampa Bay	19	11	.633	—
Toronto	**16**	**13**	**.552**	**2½**
New York	16	13	.552	2½
Boston	12	16	.429	6

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	17	12	.586	—
Detroit	14	14	.500	2½
Chicago	14	17	.452	4
Kansas City	9	19	.321	7½
Minnesota	7	21	.250	9½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	20	10	.667	—
Oakland	15	14	.517	4½
Seattle	14	17	.452	6½
Los Angeles	13	17	.433	7

Last night's results
Chicago White Sox 5 Cleveland 3 (10 inn.)
Texas 10 Baltimore 3
N.Y. Yankees 5 Tampa Bay 3
Boston at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Minnesota
Toronto at Oakland
Detroit at Seattle
Monday's results
Seattle 3 Detroit 2
Texas 14 Baltimore 3
L.A. Angels 8 Minnesota 3
Cleveland 8-3, Chicago White Sox 6-2
Boston 11 Kansas City 5
Today's games
All times Eastern
Toronto (Morrow 3-1) at Oakland (McCarthy 2-3), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Peavy 3-1) at Cleveland (J.Gomez 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 3-1) at Baltimore (W.Chen 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 1-2) at Kansas City (B.Chen 0-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-6) at Minnesota (Pavano 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 1-0) at Seattle (Vargas 3-2), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Jeter NYY	28	121	22	48	.397
Ortiz Bos	28	108	21	41	.380
Hamilton Tex	26	101	21	38	.376
Sweeney Bos	24	87	8	32	.368
ACabrera Cle	22	90	15	32	.356
Konerko CWS	29	105	15	36	.343
Longoria TB	23	82	15	27	.329
MYoung Tex	28	115	13	37	.322
AJackson Det	27	107	19	34	.318
Beltre Tex	25	89	15	28	.315

Runs—Kinsler, Tex, 29; De Aza, Chi, 23; Ad-Jones, Balt, 23; Jeter, NY, 22; Hamilton, Tex, 21; Ortiz, Bos, 21.
RBI—Hamilton, Tex, 28; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 25;** Swisher, NY, 24; ADunn, Chi, 23; Ortiz, Bos, 23; MiCabrera, Det, 22; Cespedes, Oakland, 21; CRoss, Bos, 21; Scott, Tampa Bay, 21.
Hits—Jeter, NY, 48; Ortiz, Bos, 41; Hamilton, Tex, 38; ISuzuki, Sea, 37; MYoung, Texas, 37; Konerko, Chicago, 36.
Last night's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	18	11	.621	—
Atlanta	18	12	.600	½
New York	17	13	.567	1½
Miami	15	14	.517	3
Philadelphia	14	17	.452	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	18	11	.621	—
Cincinnati	15	13	.536	2½
Houston	13	16	.448	5
Pittsburgh	13	16	.448	5
Chicago	12	17	.414	6
Milwaukee	12	17	.414	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	10	.655	—
San Francisco	14	15	.483	5
Arizona	14	16	.467	5½
Colorado	12	16	.429	6½
San Diego	10	20	.333	9½

Last night's results
Pittsburgh 5 Washington 4
N.Y. Mets 7 Philadelphia 4
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs
Miami at Houston
Cincinnati at Milwaukee
St. Louis at Arizona
Colorado at San Diego
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
Cincinnati 6 Milwaukee 1
Miami 4 Houston 0
St. Louis 9 Arizona 6
San Diego 3 Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 5 Philadelphia 2
Chicago Cubs 5 Atlanta 1
L.A. Dodgers 9 San Francisco 1
Today's games
All times Eastern
Cincinnati (Cueto 4-0) at Milwaukee (Greinke 3-1), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (T.Hudson 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Maholm 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Friedrich 0-0) at San Diego (Bass 1-3), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 2-2) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Detwiler 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Bedard 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Jo.Johnson 0-3) at Houston (Harrell 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 4-1) at Arizona (Miley 3-0), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 2-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-2), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Kemp LAD	29	101	29	41	.406
LaHair ChC	26	80	14	31	.388
Jay StL	22	84	14	32	.381
DWright NYM	26	91	18	34	.374
Altuve Hou	28	111	18	39	.351
SCastro ChC	29	117	15	41	.350
Furcal StL	29	117	22	40	.342
Bourn Atl	30	126	20	42	.333
Ruiz Phi	26	87	13	28	.322
Lowrie Hou	22	84	13	27	.321

Runs—Kemp, LA, 29; Furcal, StL, 22; CGonzalez, Col, 22; Beltran, StL, 21; MEllis, LA, 21; Freeman, Atl, 21; Uggla, Atl, 21; JUpton, Arz, 21.
RBI—Ethier, LA, 30; Kemp, LA, 27; Freeman, Atl, 26; Freese, StL, 26; CGonzalez, Col, 26.
Hits—Bourn, Atl, 42; SCastro, Chi, 41; Kemp, LA, 41; Furcal, StL, 40; Altuve, Hou, 39.
Last night's games not included

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Francisco	16	2	5	0	0	.313
Encarnacion	111	17	31	9	25	.279
Lawrie	112	14	31	3	15	.277
Thames	85	10	23	2	4	.271
Johnson	104	20	27	6	15	.260
Escobar	122	16	31	1	12	.254
Mathis	20	6	5	2	5	.250
Arencibia	77	8	18	2	15	.234
Rasmus	100	11	21	3	11	.210
Lind	93	7	18	2	8	.194
Davis	32	10	6	0	4	.188
Bautista	104	16	19	5	15	.183
Vizquel	15	1	2	0	0	.133

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Oliver	0	1	0	8.1	9	2.16
Perez	2	1	0	15.2	15	2.30
Morrow	3	1	0	41.2	29	2.38
Alvarez	2	2	0	41.1	12	2.83
Drabek	2	3	0	35.0	28	3.34
Romero	4	0	0	42.0	29	3.64
Frasor	0	0	0	11.0	15	4.09
Villanueva	0	0	0	10.2	8	4.22
Janssen	1	1	0	10.1	11	5.23
Carreno	0	1	0	8.1	5	5.40
Cordero	1	1	2	11.0	8	5.73
Hutchison	1	1	0	21.2	17	6.65
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00

Last night's game not included

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Saturday's games — All times Eastern
EAST DIVISION
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Edmonton at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	9	7	2	0	12	5	21
D.C.s	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
New York	9	5	3	1	19	14	16
Chicago	7	3	2	2	9	9	11
Montreal	10	3	5	2	11	15	11
New England	9	3	6	0	8	12	9
Houston	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
Columbus	8	2	4	2	6	10	8
Philadelphia	8	2	5	1	5	9	7
Toronto	8	0	8	0	6	18	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Jose	10	7	2	1	21	11	22
Salt Lake	11	7	3	1	18	12	22
Seattle	8	6	1	1	11	3	19
Vancouver	9	5	2	2	9	7	17
Colorado	10	5	5	0	15	12	15
Dallas	10	3	4	3	10	14	12
Los Angeles	9	3	5	1	11	14	10
Chivas USA	9	3	6	0	5	11	9
Portland	9	2	5	2	9	13	8

Tonight's games — All times Eastern
Houston at New York, 7 p.m.
Salt Lake at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Los Angeles at Montreal, 4 p.m.
D.C. at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Salt Lake at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
New York at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at San Jose, 7 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(New York leads 3-2)
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 3 Washington 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
PHILADELPHIA (5) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(New Jersey wins 4-1)
Last night's result
New Jersey 3 Philadelphia 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ST. LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles wins 4-0)
PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)
(Phoenix wins 4-1)
Monday's result
Phoenix 2 Nashville 1
x — if necessary.

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Helsinki and Stockholm
PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Finland	3	3	0	0	0	7	2	9
Canada	**3**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**14**	**9**	**7**
Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	10	8	6
U.S.	3	1	1	0	1	14	10	5
Belarus	3	1	0	0	2	5	6	3
Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	6	6	3
France	3	1	0	0	2	10	17	3
Kazakhstan	3	0	0	0	3	6	14	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	13	6	9
Russia	3	3	0	0	0	11	4	9
Latvia	3	2	0	0	1	10	7	6
Czech Rep.	3	1	1	0	1	7	7	5
Germany	3	1	0	0	2	5	5	3
Italy	3	0	1	0	2	4	11	2
Denmark	3	0	0	1	2	7	12	1
Norway	3	0	0	1	2	6	11	1

Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Helsinki
Belarus 3 Kazakhstan 2
Finland 5 Switzerland 2
At Stockholm
Latvia 5 Italy 0
Russia 2 Germany 0
Monday's results
At Helsinki
Canada 7 France 2
Slovakia 4 U.S. 2
At Stockholm
Czech Republic 4 Norway 3 (SO)
Sweden 6 Denmark 4
Today's games — All times Eastern
At Helsinki
Slovakia vs. Kazakhstan, 9:15 a.m.
Canada vs. Switzerland, 1:15 p.m.
At Stockholm
Norway vs. Italy, 10:15 a.m.
Sweden vs. Germany, 2:15 p.m.

DEVILS 3, FLYERS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Talbot 4 (Schenn, Briere) 7:18
2. New Jersey, Salvador 2 (Henrique, Kovalchuk) 9:27
3. New Jersey, Clarkson 2, 12:45
Penalty — Schenn Pha (interference) 14:37.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Larsson NJ (interference) 2:11, Rinaldo Pha (interference) 12:47, Hartnell Pha (high-sticking) 17:01.
Third Period
4. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 5 (Henrique, Zubrus) 5:00
Penalty — van Riemsdyk Pha (holding) 4:56.
Shots on goal

New Jersey	12	11	7	—30
Philadelphia	11	7	10	—28

Goal — New Jersey: Brodeur (W,8-3-0); Philadelphia: Bryzgalov (L,5-6-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New Jersey: 0-4; Phila: 0-1.
Attendance — 19,818 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

MONDAY

COYOTES 2, PREDATORS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Hanzal Pho (roughing) 17:45.
Second Period
1. Phoenix, Morris 1 (Doan, Vermette) 3:54
2. Phoenix, Hanzal 3 (Chipchura, Langkow) 15:09
Penalties — Josi Nash (interference) 4:19, Hanzal Pho (hooking) 4:52, Doan Pho (cross-checking) 9:41.
Third Period
3. Nashville, C.Wilson 1 (Legwand, Suter) 14:01
Penalty — Doan Pho (holding) 2:38.
Shots on goal

Nashville	10	12	11	—33
Phoenix	5	7	5	—17

Goal — Nashville: Rinne (L,5-5-0); Phoenix: M.Smith (W,8-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Nashville: 0-4; Phoenix: 0-1.
Att. — 17,182 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
Briere, Pha	8	4	12
D.Brown, LA	6	5	11
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
B.Richards, NYR	5	5	10
Zajac, NJ	5	5	10
Kovalchuk, NJ	4	6	10
Kopitar, LA	3	7	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Vermette, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	4	4	8
Parise, NJ	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Gaborik, NYR	3	5	8
Hartnell, Pha	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
M.Richards, LA	3	5	8
B.Schenn, Pha	3	5	8
Jagr, Pha	1	7	8
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
Boedker, Phx	3	4	7
Penner, LA	2	5	7
J.Williams, LA	2	5	7
Clarkson, NJ	1	6	7
Stepan, NYR	1	6	7
Yandle, Phx	0	7	7
Bergenheim, Fla	3	3	6
Callahan, NYR	3	3	6
Doan, Phx	3	3	6
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Legwand, Nash	3	3	6
Zubrus, NJ	3	3	6
Anisimov, NYR	2	4	6
Backstrom, Wash	2	4	6
Carle, Pha	2	4	6
Dupuis, Pgh	2	4	6
Klesla, Phx	2	4	6
Kunitz, Pgh	2	4	6

Last night's game not included

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CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Philadelphia leads 3-1)
Last night's result
Philadelphia at Chicago
Tomorrow's game
x-Chicago at Philadelphia, TBA
Saturday's game
x-Philadelphia at Chicago, TBA
MIAMI (2) VS. NEW YORK (7)
(Miami leads 3-1)
Tonight's game
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Miami at New York, 8 or 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-New York at Miami, TBA
INDIANA (3) VS. ORLANDO (6)
(Indiana wins 4-1)
Last night's result
Indiana 105 Orlando 87
BOSTON (4) VS. ATLANTA (5)
(Boston leads 3-1)
Last night's result
Boston at Atlanta
Tomorrow's game
x-Atlanta at Boston, 6 or 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Boston at Atlanta, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. UTAH (8)
(San Antonio wins 4-0)
Monday's result
San Antonio 87 Utah 81
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. DALLAS (7)
(Oklahoma City wins 4-0)
L.A. LAKERS (3) VS. DENVER (6)
(L.A. Lakers lead 3-1)
Last night's result
Denver at L.A. Lakers
Tomorrow's game
x-L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 or 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
MEMPHIS (4) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(L.A. Clippers lead 3-1)
Monday's result
L.A. Clippers 101 Memphis 97 (OT)
Tonight's game
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9 or 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
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The new coupe on the block

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Sharp looks

In the flesh the BRZ looks flat-out terrific with its properly planted stance, prominently bulging fenders and generously sized windshield. In back, the twin exhaust pipes encased in a blacked-out diffuser are a neat touch.

2013 Subaru BRZ

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive sport coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC horizontally opposed four-cylinder (200).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.3/5.9 (AT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $30,000 (est.).

Lightweight

In this class, one of the BRZ's primary advantages is weight, or rather a lack of it.

At just 1,255 kilograms, the Subaru weighs about 230 kilograms less than the Genesis and anywhere from 300-450 kilograms less than any V6-equipped North American example.

The engine produces 200 horsepower.

Engine

The car's Subaru-based 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine sits lower to the ground than similar powerplants due to its horizontally opposed design (two cylinders fire at a 180-degree angle to the other two). Creating optimal front: rear balance also involved relocating the battery to the back of the engine compartment.

Review. Subaru teams up with Toyota to create the very sporty BRZ and its twin, the FR-S

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

A rear-wheel-drive Subaru? Surely it must be a misprint.

But, no, loyal Subie shoppers are in for a shock when they discover that the new BRZ doesn't drive all four wheels.

And that's not all, folks. Subaru has teamed up with Toyota, which owns a small stake in the company, to create the BRZ and its doppelganger that will be marketed on these shores as the Scion FR-S.

Wow, two separate manufacturers introducing nearly identical models at almost the same time. Who would have believed it possible — and more to the point, why is it happening?

Of course, because it makes sound economic sense. It costs big bucks to bring any brand-new model to market, but it's hard to justify the development costs when that model is a low-volume sports car. Spreading the tooling expenses between two manufacturers allows both to more affordably market a vehicle that creates some enthusiast buzz while also building sales for more mainstream metal.

Toyota is an old hand at making sporty coupes (the Celica, Supra and MR2 are examples) but hasn't headed down that road for years. As for Subaru, its last two-door effort was the 1990s-era SVX, a mildly quirky all-wheel-driver that was priced at the premium end of the scale. This time around, the BRZ faces formidable competition other than from the Scion FR-S. Hyundai's Genesis coupe is a leading contender, but the pricier Nissan 370Z is in the hunt as well.

Overall, the BRZ, which arrives this spring, promises to shake up the sport-coupe world with a balanced and lightweight package that really is as sporty as it looks.

The cabin/dashboard design doesn't impress to the same degree as the car's exterior, but is nonetheless straightforward and clearly presented.

The centre of gravity is low: at about the height of the top edges of the wheels. Helping this is the new compact four-cylinder engine and its placement low to the ground.

By comparison

1 Scion FR-S
Base price: $27,500

2 Hyundai Genesis
Base price: $28,100

3 Nissan 370Z
Base price: $42,600

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Give thieves the boot

The Club is the steering-wheel-locking device that helps prevent vehicle theft, but the company also offers the Tire Claw XL that deters thieves from grabbing your trailer, all-terrain vehicle, or even your daily drive. The Tire Claw XL uses the same principle as those larger "boots" that many city enforcement agencies use to immobilize vehicles, only on a much smaller scale. The manufacturer claims the device is easy to use and will fit just about any wheel width up to 12 inches. Tire Claw XL weighs just eight pounds, has a cove for the lock and comes with three laser-encrypted keys that cannot be copied. It retails for $100 US and can be purchased through many automotive retail and web stores, as well as from the manufacturer at theclub.com. WHEELBASE

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Kid-friendly RX-8 offered looks, performance

Second Gear.
2004 to 2011
Mazda RX-8

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For sports car enthusiasts with kids, the Mazda RX-8 made plenty of sense, given its rare 'suicide' doors, striking looks and track-ready performance. Sharp-as-a-tack handling, instant precise steering and killer looks were all part of the package, which included a usable and accessible backseat.

Features included Bose audio, heated leather seating, navigation, automatic climate control, an intelligent key system and plenty more.

JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

Common Issues

Check the level and condition of the RX-8's engine oil before your test drive. Be sure the seller was fond of frequent, high-quality oil changes.

A lumpy idle or 'misfire' may be the result of an overheating issue related to the ignition coils. If you experience this issue on a test drive, be sure to have the vehicle inspected to confirm.

Given the RX-8's unique engine, only a rotary-trained Mazda mechanic should inspect the vehicle ahead of your purchase.

While the car is in the air, the mechanic can also check for fluid leaks, excessive rust, and the condition of the tires and brakes.

Before your test drive, first check to see if the engine has been run recently by carefully and quickly touching the muffler to see if it's warm. Sometimes, a seller will pre-warm the engine to prevent it from smoking or idling erratically when it's cold.

Engine

Horsepower from the 1.3-litre 'RENESIS' rotary engine was rated at 238 with the six-speed manual, and between 200 and 212 with the four-speed automatic. This was replaced with a six-speed automatic later in the RX-8's life.

What Owners Like

Performance, looks, a screaming engine note, manual shifter quality and overall responsiveness are perhaps the most highly-rated aspects reported by RX-8 owners. Many appreciate the rear doors and relatively easy rear-seat access.

What Owners Dislike

Limited headroom, visibility and fuel consumption are among the RX-8's most common complaints.

Verdict

With a clean bill of health from your Mazda mechanic, a well-maintained RX-8 should provide relatively trouble-free access to a unique and sporty driving experience.

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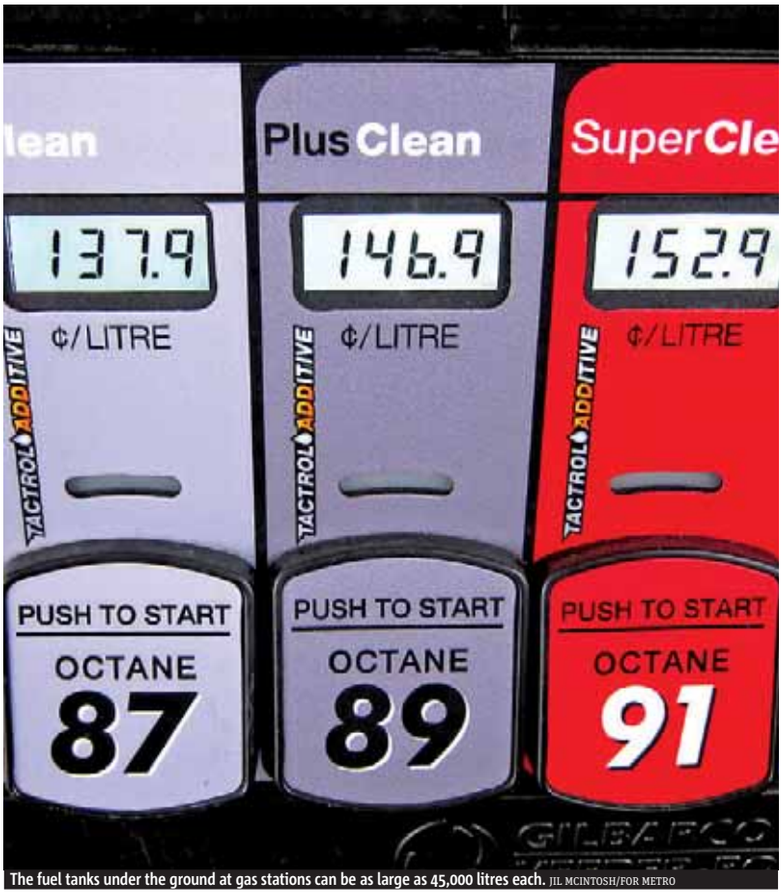

The fuel tanks under the ground at gas stations can be as large as 45,000 litres each. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

One pump, three grades: How does it know?

Driving Force. A look at the inner-workings of gas stations reveals some noteworthy information

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So you're at the gas station, filling up your car. You have a choice of regular, mid-grade, or premium fuel. Three buttons — but there's only one fuel nozzle. How does the pump dispense three grades of fuel through a single hose?

"There are two fuel tanks in the ground," says Glenn Phillips, service technician for Albert's Gas Station Maintenance in Cambridge, Ont. "It blends at the top of the pump."

You'll find that at most stations, the octane ratings — the "grades" of gasoline — are 87, 89, and 91. Buried under the ground are huge tanks, as large as 45,000 litres each, which hold 87- and 91-octane fuel. The gas pump has two meters. If you select 87-octane, the pump turns on that meter and dispenses from the lower-octane tank. Conversely, if you want 91-octane, that meter turns on and dispenses from that tank.

Should you want 89-octane mid-grade, the pump blends the two 50/50.

"On top of the meter, there's a 'pulser,' and it counts the volume of fuel you're getting," Phillips says.

"If you buy 20 litres of mid-grade, you're getting 10 litres of regular and 10 of super. If it sees that you're getting more regular than super, it'll open and close valves to compensate and adjust. It's constantly monitoring to the blend ratio."

The fuel nozzle has either a small hole in it, or a piece of metal on it, which reacts when fuel backs up against it in your vehicle's filler neck, indicating that the tank is full. The pump then automatically shuts off. You should always operate the nozzle yourself and never use the gas cap or other object to hold it open, Phillips says.

"If there's a spill, you can actually be held liable for the cleanup," he says. "Think twice before you use something to hold it open."

The pump compensates for temperature, "so every litre that comes out is calibrated as if the temperature was 15 C," Phillips says.

"In the summer, you actually get a little less gas, and in the winter you get a little more, but the difference is pennies, and it only makes a difference if you're buying millions of litres a year."

The pumps are calibrated once a year. And as for the price of gas? "Please don't take it out on the attendants," Phillips says. "It's really not their fault."

Did you know?

- The pump hose is always full and contains about half a litre of fuel, so the first 500 millilitres will be whatever grade the last customer purchased.
- Fuel pumps contain filters to screen out any dirt. Even so, avoid buying gas right after the fuel tanker has filled the underground tanks, since it stirs up any sediment on the bottom.

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The Toronto Area Chevrolet Dealers recently ran the Chevrolet Independence 101 Giveaway Contest, where teams of four were invited to complete a short video about why a Cruze or Sonic would make their summer.

The grand prize was a four-month rental of two 2012 Chevrolet Cruze LT's and two 2012 Chevrolet Sonic four-door hatch LT's.

Contestants were asked to host their video submissions on YouTube and post a link on the contest wall at facebook.com/chevygtadealers

The three teams whose videos generated the most views on YouTube by the contest closing date of April 20 were selected for the final round of judging. The Toronto Area Chevrolet Dealers executive board then selected the winning team.

Dan Usher, Austin Dukoff, Nick Menze and Dylan Fonger, four fun and spontaneous friends from Bolton, Ont., were chosen as the winning team and received their keys from James Nava, manager, business development, Toronto, General Motors Canada

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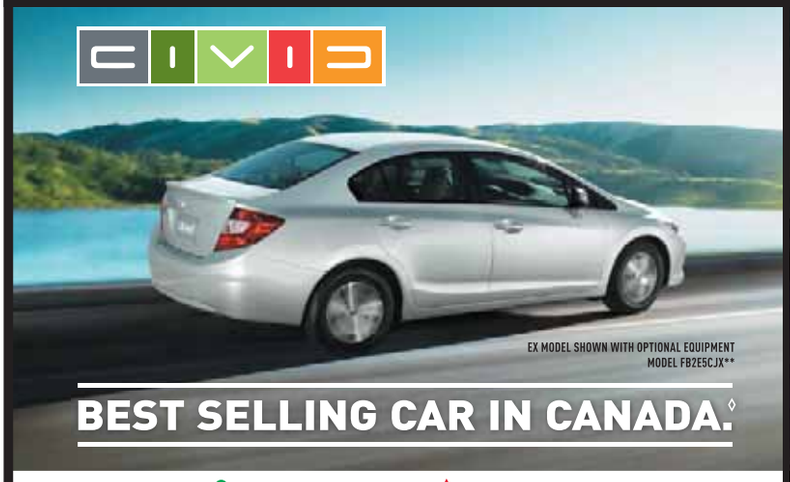

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Matte goes mainstream and multicoloured

Autopilot

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Shiny finishes are so last century. Looking at this "dulled-up" Hyundai Veloster, how can you not agree? CONTRIBUTED

Meet Matte. He might be just a form of paint finish, and a dull one at that, but he's strangely popular at the moment.

In another era, Matte was hanging around the hot-rod gang. Back then, hot-rodders who placed more priority on 'go' than 'show' were prone to paint their cars with flat black primer.

And of course, Matte has always been simpatico with military types. Those guys prefer their land, air and navy machines to be hard to spot and unreflective, just as much as they like them to be nasty and all-conquering.

So naturally, Matte has developed into a great choice for modern bikes and cars that want or need to evoke certain anti-social tendencies.

But we seem to have entered a new era of Matte.

Manufactures like BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari and Hyundai, all now offer Matte and/or semi-gloss finishes on selected vehicles.

Might be a chicken-and-egg kind of thing, but Matte's popularity has certainly risen since two different technological developments took hold: The introduction of high-quality vinyl wraps and the move to use clear-coat paint.

For around $3,000, you can have your Porsche 911 completely wrapped in Matte black vinyl wrap. And when you tire of that look, you can simply take the wrap off, and go back to your former, original-colour lifestyle.

"Today's paints are all base coat/clear coat," says Sam Piercey, manager of Budd's Collision, which services many dealerships and brands within the Budd dealer group of Oakville, Ont.

"The clear coat contains the Matte finish."

So a Matte or semi-gloss finish can be applied to various base colours — it doesn't have to be stealth-bomber grey, or hot-rod black. Matte can be enjoyed in various shades now, and in lifestyles that have nothing to do with the iconic outcasts who pioneered the look.

For potential Matte connoisseurs, however, Piercey offers a caution: "It's a real high-maintenance paint… It's a real hassle to get oil and grease off it… You have to clean it without polishing and without powerful chemicals, otherwise you get a shine on that area."

Matte finishes are also more expensive, both as an original paint from the factory, and as a respray.

According to custom-paint specialist Joe Fernandez of Daredevil Kustoms (Innisfil, Ont.), Matte finishes require more expensive materials (an extra clear coat with Matte agents), but also require far more attention in the spray booth.

"You have to be super-meticulous," says Fernandez. He notes that with a regular clear coat, when there are slight imperfections in the dry paint, they are colour-sanded and then polished — and then disappear. You don't have that polishing option with Matte.

At Daredevil, they add two clear coats: a regular one, which is subsequently sanded and polished; and then the Matte one, which can't be sanded or polished. All this adds up to about a $1,250 premium over a regular Daredevil paint job.

But added costs and maintenance issues aside, if you're aching for something interesting and different, and you've had it with shiny and glossy — then it just might be time to get all "dulled" up.

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Dodge gets its small sedan mojo back with the Dart

First ride. Brand-new compact ready to enter ultra-competitive segment

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Dodge is basically MIA in Canada's most popular car segment — the compact car. Sure, it sells a few Calibers here and there, but hardly anything when compared to how many Honda Civics, Toyota Corollas, and Hyundai Elantras fly out of dealerships each year.

So expectations are sky-high for this summer's arrival of the much anticipated 2013 Dodge Dart, the first Chrysler Group vehicle built on a Fiat Group architecture, and on paper at least, the best and most competitive compact sedan ever offered by Dodge.

It's always much better to contemplate a car on pavement than paper, so we jumped at the chance to get Dart on some hot Texas pavement, in and around the city of Austin, where Dodge recently held its "first drive" press preview for its new pride and joy.

First off, the Dart's bigger than you think, just like the State of Texas. The architecture was borrowed from the Alfa Romeo Giulietta, but then lengthened and widened to meet North American wants, needs and girths.

While the Dart is a bigger, North America-centric four-door sedan, and the Alfa is a slimmer, Euro-centric sporty hatchback, Dart has nonetheless retained a lot of Alfa's road handling goodness. The Dart has a very planted, secure feel, and corners crisply with confidence and with very little body lean. This is not a choppy, erratic little grocery-getter.

The EPS (electric power steering system) features a quick 15:1 steering ratio, and the steering wheel feel is just about perfect — not overly assisted as some other compact rides.

Four-cylinder engine choices include 160-horsepower 2.0-litre, 160-hp 1.4-litre featuring MultiAir and turbo, and 184-hp MultiAir 2.4-litre. Transmission choices include 6-speed manual, 6-speed automatic, or 6-speed "dual clutch" automatic.

We spent the most time in an SXT model with the base 2.0-litre connected to the "regular" automatic.

The power isn't mind-

The Dart's architecture was borrowed from the Alfa Romeo Giulietta. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

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A look at the Dart's interior. Note the optional 8.4-inch touch screen.

blowing, but certainly does the job within class standards. The engine is also very quiet and refined, and tremendously aided by the automatic's slick and intelligent shifting.

Of course, the interior reflects rising expectations for gadget connectivity, safety and conveniences. Standard are 10 air bags and four-wheel disc brakes with ABS. The optional 8.4-inch touch screen looks amazing, with very large and easily understandable icons for selectable items — and when you also pony up for the rear-view camera, it affords a great view of what's behind you. The big screen instantly makes the interior feel state- of-the-art.

Also neat is a storage area right under the passenger's butt — just flip the seat cushion forward. The long and low glovebox also offers similar "out of sight" storage for laptops and iPads.

While the Dart features a neat version of Dodge's signature "cross hair" grille (lots of black paint make it look like it's just floating there in space), it also denotes a departure from the current Dodge styling idiom some would characterize as chiselled and masculine. The Dart is rounded and curvy.

This is a segment overflowing with talented and priced-right competitors. Dart is primed and pumped for the challenge.

Dart — By the numbers

600 Number of hours spent in wind tunnel honing its most excellent aerodynamics.

$15,995 Price of SE base model.

0 Number of sharp corners on exterior body.

52 Mpg highway of 2.0-litre/6-speed manual model.

2,500 When max torque of 184 lb-ft is available on optional 1.4-litre turbo.

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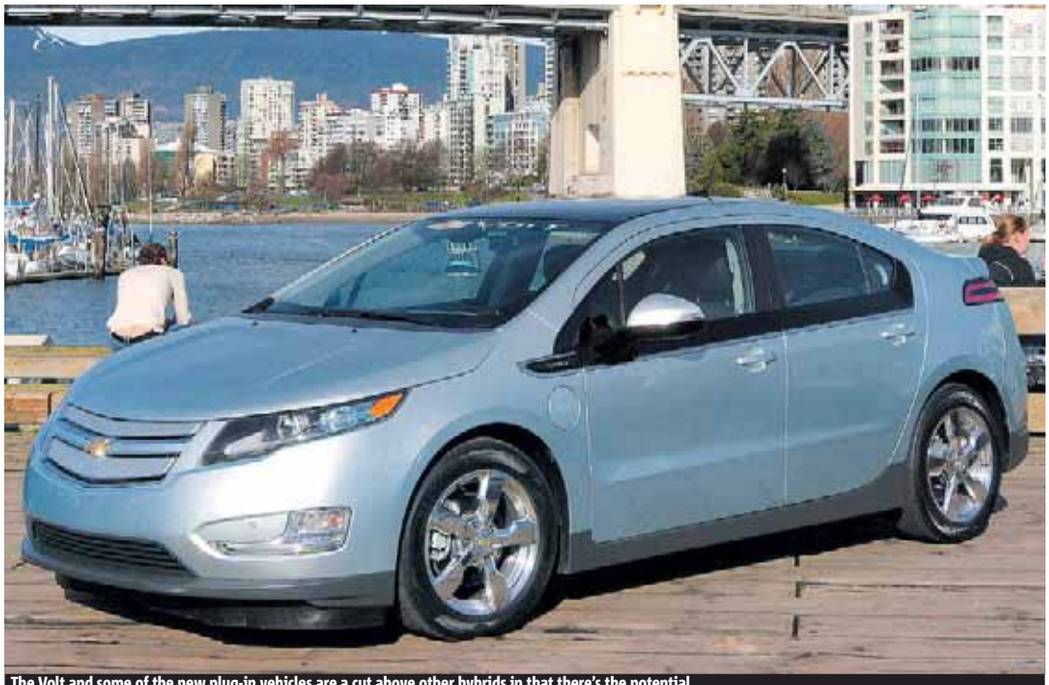

The Volt and some of the new plug-in vehicles are a cut above other hybrids in that there's the potential to use no gasoline at all. Buyers pay a premium for this, however. Is it worth it? ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

The new Prius lowers the price bar for hybrids, which will no doubt increase the appeal of such technology.

According to a study by Polk, hybrid pricing is still in the way of the segment gaining any real momentum. Still, Toyota's Prius brand has the highest retention of buyers.

Hybrids, or rather hype-brids?

Auto Know. More and more people are bailing on their hybrids in the U.S. What's going on out there?

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Car buyers are fickle, yes, but at least we know that hybrids are the way of the future, right?

As it turns out, those buyers are fickle, too.

In a true case of the vehicle being greener, but the grass not necessarily so, U.S. hybrid owners who returned to the new-vehicle market in 2011 bid farewell to their fuel-efficient and eco-friendly rides at a surprisingly high rate.

Even a steady surge in gasoline prices throughout North America did little to spark loyalty among hybrid owners last year.

In a study recently released by the automotive consulting firm R.L. Polk, research found that almost two out of three hybrid owners (65 per cent) who bought a new car in 2011 went back to a gasoline-powered model. The troubling trend for the hybrid market, which sucks up billions in automaker development dollars, is based on Polk's analysis of U.S. registration data and purchasing trends for 75,000 former hybrid owners who bought a new vehicle last year.

The Polk study doesn't offer any specifics or reasons for the lack of loyalty from hybrid owners, which is obviously key to understanding the issue. Popular speculation, however, is that the premium price for hybrid technology, countered by improving fuel-efficiency in gas engines — whether real or perceived — as well as the ever-increasing number of hot new choices in the compact segment, are steering drivers back to the tried-and-true fuel-only models.

"The lineup of alternate-drive vehicles and their premium price points just aren't appealing enough to consumers to give the (hybrid) segment the momentum it once anticipated," said Lacy Plache, chief economist of the automotive information agency Edmunds.com, in a press release from Polk.

"Especially given the growing strength of fuel economy among compact and mid-size competitors."

Repurchasing rates vary across different hybrid models, with the highest loyalty levels belonging to the Toyota Prius, of course, the most popular hybrid in North America with about half of the overall segment sales.

In fact, according to Polk's analysis, if the Prius were removed from the repurchase equation, less that one-quarter of previous U.S. hybrid owners chose another hybrid as their new-vehicle purchase in 2011.

That said; overall hybrid sales in the United States have still doubled since 2007, even if all drivers aren't coming back for seconds. In fact, sales of the Chevrolet Volt doubled in March when compared to a month earlier.

Competing with gas-electric hybrid technology is the marketing of turbo charging. Ford has named it Ecoboost, billing it as a way to keep the power while improving fuel economy. Diesels are also worthy of consideration.

"Having a hybrid in the product lineup can certainly give a brand a competitive edge when it comes to attracting new customers," said Brad Smith, director of loyalty management practice for Polk.

But hybrid manufacturers have come under increased scrutiny as more data about the real-world fuel-consumption figures becomes available for these combo electric-gas-powered vehicles. Your mileage may vary? Indeed.

California woman Heather Peters won a small-claims case against Honda in February when the court found the automaker misled her to believe her 2006 Civic hybrid could get 50 mpg. She said she gets about 30 mpg. The ruling sparked a firestorm of negative media for Honda and the entire hybrid market.

With fuel consumption that can widely vary depending on how a hybrid is driven, where it is driven and in what climate, unfamiliar technology, uncertain resale values and generally higher up-front cost of hybrid vehicles, Plache said several obstacles "will need to be overcome" before sales and loyalty levels increase in the hybrid segment.

Surprisingly, volatile gas prices during the past four years — which ranged from about $2 to $4.50 in the United States — had a negligible impact on hybrid loyalty.

And with recent research showing that it often takes several years worth of fuel savings to offset the premium paid for hybrid vehicles, reluctance is still in air.

"The repurchase rates of hybrid vehicles are an indication that consumers are continuing to seek alternative solutions to high fuel prices," Smith said.

"We haven't landed on a definitive answer as far as what the technology is going to be that customers will embrace."

Zero-alcohol laws gaining ground in Canada

Arriving alive. But the question is, do the laws work for young drivers?

Half of Canada's provinces now have a zero-alcohol policy for young drivers, with Quebec becoming the fifth to join in on no-alcohol legislation along with Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario.

While proponents of the new rule call it a step in the right direction, it's not yet clear how effective the measure has been in deterring young people from drinking and getting behind the wheel.

Since the legislation was enacted on April 15, Quebec drivers under age 22 caught with a blood-alcohol level over zero face some of the toughest drunk-driving penalties in the country — an immediate three-month suspension of their licence, fines up to $600 and a loss of four demerit points.

Despite the stiff penalties, some young people are still choosing to drink and drive. In an undercover operation, Montreal's La Presse newspaper found that more than half the young designated drivers they tested had some alcohol in their system while leaving local bars.

Stephane Maurais, a director at Alcohol Prevention Canada, said he was surprised at the number of young people who were over the limit. He said that while some weren't aware of the new law, others simply refused to accept it.

"In their mind, having one or two beers is something acceptable," he said. "When you are 18 or 19 years old, you want to challenge these kind of things."

Young people who drink and drive are at high risk of collision — 45 per cent of young drivers who are killed on the road had been drinking, compared to the average of 37 per cent for all drivers, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"Unfortunately, younger drivers are way over-represented in statistics of death and injuries," said MADD Quebec chapter spokesperson Marie-Claude Morin. "They cause a lot of damage on the roads."

Ontario introduced a similar policy to Quebec's in 2010, but the penalties are less severe. Ontario drivers under age 22 with any alcohol in their system are subject to an immediate licence suspension of just 24 hours. If convicted, they face fines of up to $500 and a 30-day licence suspension.

A spokesman for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation said is still too early to assess the impact that the zero-alcohol rule has had in the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian provinces that have implemented the zero-alcohol legislation have, according to sources MADD says it has consulted, seen percentage decreases in the double digits for impaired driving accidents in youths.

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The car world's Miranda Priestly

Review. Yes, folks — the 2012 Audi A7 has a glare that rivals Meryl Streep's character in The Devil Wears Prada

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Audi makes some of the sexiest coupes on the road today. Among others, these include the almighty badass R8, which is particularly awesome because Ironman drives one.

Trouble is, when more than one passenger requires a ride, you might be out of luck. Some Audi coupes have small back seats, and others, like the R8, have none at all.

For some shoppers, Audi's new A7 might be the solution. A departure from the chiselled, chunky and muscular looks of many recent Audis, the A7 is soft, sweeping, smooth, elegant and graceful — albeit capped off with a demanding, intimidating scowl that'll stare lesser machinery into submission.

Intimidating, isn't it? TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

It's like a rolling sheet-metal Miranda Priestly.

That face, as one of the most glaring on this side of six-digit territory, is a striking bit of styling. All said, this four-door coupe looks like a seriously big deal rolling down the road.

The tester's cabin contrasted starkly with the detailed and expressive body. Simple colours and shapes left this writer wishing for some more flair and energy to match the exterior look — but even if this isn't Audi's most exciting interior, it's still virtually perfectly assembled and trimmed.

The sleek, coupe-like roofline means rear headroom is limited for taller occupants, though it'll handle four adults of standard height with no concern.

There's a surprising level of utility, too. The wide, long trunk is accessed by a motorized tailgate and should offer up plenty of room for your gear. And with standard Quattro All Wheel Drive, it's a sporty bit of elegant utility you can use confidently, even in the middle of a blizzard.

With just three litres of displacement, the A7's V6 uses direct injection and a so-called 'mechanical turbocharger' to boost power output. We Canadians call that a supercharger, by the way.

Drivers get 310 horsepower, handled by an automatic transmission with a quick-reacting manual mode. The 8-speed box helps the A7 perform strongly while enabling mileage figures which suggest otherwise.

Opened up, it's got a restrained, delightful howl that calls a Porsche flat-six to mind. The supercharger operates in silence, but helps crank out liquid-smooth, linear and robust power output at any r.p.m. And the nearly-startling levels of off-the-line thrust feel as if they came from a much larger engine.

Handling is planted, stable and composed, even ripping up corners at high speed. In its 'dynamic' mode, A7's steering is heavy and quick —encouraging dialed-in exploration of the A7's limits. Note that the optional up-sized wheels and low-profile tires may result in a rough ride on some surfaces.

But the A7 offers a satisfying all-around performance here.

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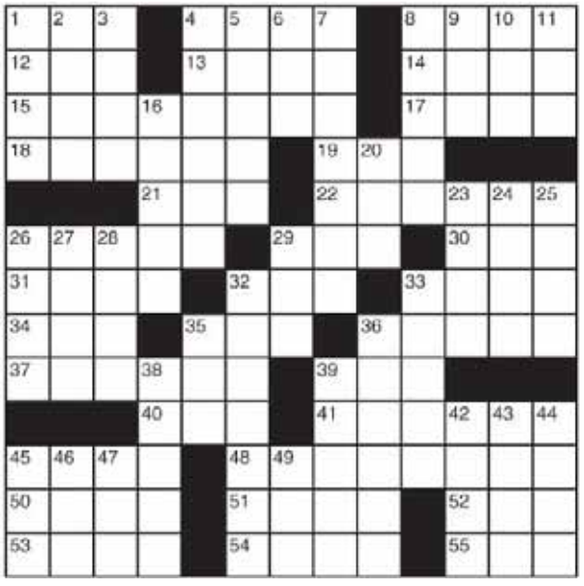

Across

1 Track circuit
4 Schleps
8 Weak, as an excuse
12 Noshed
13 Freshly
14 "American —"
15 Estival pest
17 Meat —
18 Quantity
19 Actress Thompson
21 Lemieux milieu
22 Grasshopper's cousin
26 Stock
29 Stiller or Stein
30 — generis
31 Theater box
32 Oppositionist
33 Requirement
34 The whole enchilada
35 Dance syllable
36 Not wan
37 Scarab, for one
39 Allow
40 Black-and-white diver
41 Be there
45 Philadelphia attraction
48 Hive dweller
50 Bread spread
51 Exam format
52 Scepter topper
53 Portent
54 Wedding-dress accessory
55 Whether or —

Down

1 Tibetan monk
2 Minuscule bit
3 Mexican money
4 Set off
5 Become one
6 Comprehend
7 Distended
8 Purple shade
9 Commotion
10 Extinct bird of New Zealand
11 Ernie of Keebler ads
16 Rather
20 A long time
23 Secondhand
24 Sought restitution
25 Spruced up
26 Spill the beans
27 Characterization
28 Lecherous look
29 Feathery neckwear
32 "The Cherry Orchard" writer
33 Eccentric
35 Actor Gulager
36 Narrate again
38 Claw
39 Veranda
42 Black, in poetry
43 Pianist Peter
44 Creditor's concern
45 Greet the villain
46 Freddy's street
47 Appomattox VIP
49 Raw rock

Sudoku

8		6			7		2	
				6	5			1
7				2		3		
		5					1	
		1	4		6	9		
	6					2		
		4		3				2
5			2	7				
	9		8			1		7

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	1	3	7	2	5	9	6
9	7	3	8	5	6	2	4	1
6	5	2	1	9	4	7	3	8
1	9	5	6	4	8	3	2	7
7	8	6	5	2	3	4	1	9
2	3	4	9	1	7	8	6	5
3	1	7	4	8	5	9	8	2
5	6	8	2	3	9	1	7	4
4	2	9	7	8	1	6	5	3

Yesterday's Crossword

P	O	P	S		A	T	O	P		P	S	I		
E	P	I	C		S	O	R	E		E	O	N		
G	R	E	E	N	H	O	R	N		A	U	K		
S	Y	D	N	E	Y			A	N	G	R	Y		
			T	D		V	A	L	O	R				
R	A	G	S		B	A	N		W	E	P	T		
A	I	R			O	P	T			E	R	A		
F	L	E	E		D	I	E		S	N	O	W		
		E	M	B	E	D		B	O					
M	A	N	S	E			O	E	U	V	R	E		
O	R	B		L	O	N	G	G	R	E	E	N		
L	E	A		O	D	O	R		C	R	E	D		
D	A	Y		W	E	R	E		E	A	D	S		

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

O X V Y B R P T ' U O B K J E Y R

A B Y V E U D Z Z U F B K K C Z W

X E F D Z P U V H W Z H V W K T , E

W V A J Z Y X V ' U P Y L V W U D B C C V L .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE REPLACED MR. GEHRIG ON THE DIAMOND, YOU COULD SAY THAT HE PLAYED IN LIEU OF LOU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. A money problem will disappear as if by magic. Most likely it was never a real problem in the first place.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. It's good to let friends know what it is you want out of life. If there is anything they can do to make it happen, they won't hesitate to offer.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Something you once feared so much no longer seems to worry you and that's marvelous news.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have found it difficult recently to defend your beliefs but Mercury's change of signs today will help you to express yourself.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Do you have what it takes to compete at the highest level? Of course you do and the current cosmic set-up will smooth your path to success.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. For the past few weeks you have been trying hard, without success, to live up to other people's expectations. Time to be yourself again.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will learn something to your advantage, something hugely interesting. Don't let everyone in on the news.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You'll find it easier today to put your thoughts into words. It'll have a positive effect on all your relationships.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It will occur to you today that there are easier ways to deal with your workload. Use those ideas.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You've been working hard. Forget about work for a while. Focus on the lighter side of life – and on romance.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You will be in a relaxed mood today, especially in the domestic sphere where you cannot be bothered to argue with loved ones.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Starting today, you will start to think clearly again and your mind will overflow with good ideas.

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Torque (lb.-ft.)	186	161	170
Automatic Transmission	6 Speed	5 Speed	6 Speed
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HWY: 6.2L/100KM
CITY: 9.5L/100KM

Sorento SX shown

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Torque (lb.-ft.)	181	163	171
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Interior Cargo Space (L)	415	353	335
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